



## Douglas Elliott Whitley

December 2, 1981 - December 14, 2017

Celebration of life services for Douglas Elliott Whitley of Tyler will be held on December 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home and Chapel in Tyler, Texas.

Born in 1981 to Douglas and Sherry Whitley, Elliott passed away on December 14, 2017. He was raised with his siblings – Julia and Florence in Arlington, Texas where he attended the Arlington Independent School District. Elliott ran track and cross country for Lamar High School. He participated in the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra as a clarinetist and separately excelled as guitarist and pianist. Recently, he began playing the saxophone.

Elliott earned an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from the University of Miami, Miami, Florida. As a transition from engineering to medicine, Elliott was a scribe at Harris Methodist Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas. As he entered medical school, to the surprise of his parents, his application essay was read to the incoming class as the best letter the school had ever received. In 2010 he earned a medical degree from the Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. He trained at Scott and White Hospital, Temple, Texas and served as Chief Resident in Emergency Medicine.

In 2012 Elliott married Danielle Marie Veilleux. Shortly thereafter, Elliott and Danielle settled in Tyler where he practiced at Christus Trinity Mother Frances

Hospital. They are the parents of a beautiful daughter Corinne Lucile Whitley. Elliott was a supportive spouse to Danielle's veterinarian practice and a loving father to his young daughter.

Elliott enjoyed diverse hobbies including photography, gardening and travel. As a medical student he won a school-wide photography contest with a panorama of the Houston skyline. As a recent college graduate, Elliott and his sister Florence toured central Europe. Throughout his life he excelled at snow skiing in Keystone, Colorado and hiking in Spanish Peaks, Colorado.

Elliott is predeceased by Harold C. Whitley, paternal grandfather, Clarence and Lucile Castle, maternal grandparents, and Bianca, his beloved dog.

Elliott is survived by Danielle and Corinne Whitley, his wife and daughter; Douglas and Sherry Whitley, parents; Julia Whitley, sister, and Peter Siegesmund, her husband and Alexandra, their daughter; Florence Whitley Kerkaert, sister, and Thomas Kerkaert, her husband, and Thompson, Felicity, Marie, and Dillon, their children. Elliott is survived by Helen Morris, his maternal grandmother. Elliott is also survived by in-laws Tom and Ann Veilleux; Elizabeth Ann Straessle and Drew, her husband, and Megan and Anna Claire their daughters; and Christopher Thomas Veilleux. Thanks to Judge K. Michael Mayes and Nancy Mayes, Elliott's uncle and aunt for their support.

Remembrances may be made in his honor to O'Malley Alley Cats Organization, 5457 Donnybrook, Tyler, Texas 75703; [tylertxcats@gmail.com](mailto:tylertxcats@gmail.com); Fort Worth Youth Orchestra, 4401 Trail Lake Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109 or Walk with a Doc, [www.walkwithdoc.org](http://www.walkwithdoc.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 18. 6:30 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Douglas Elliott Whitley*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - December 18, 2017 at 07:30 PM

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“ *My husband Allen and I had the joy of hosting Elliot in our home when he first came to study and the University of Miami. We spent many enjoyable evenings on our veranda in Miami with Elliot and sometimes a friend he would bring along. Elliot was always good with our three young children and they looked forward to his visits. We enjoyed his company and sharing his journey. We will miss him.*

*Allen, Nicole, Alisun, Greta and Nathaniel Meske*

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**T. Nicole Saunders-Meske** - December 20, 2017 at 11:54 AM

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“ I only met Dr. Whitley on Oct 4, 2017 when he treated one of my grandchildren in the ER. He was a compassionate and thorough care giver. He even included me in his compassion. His words and actions let me see that he was treating my granddaughter and her family as he would want his children and family to be treated. I'm am so sorry that his young life has ended so tragically. My prayers go up to the Lord on behalf of his family.



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**Betty Riggins** - December 18, 2017 at 08:48 PM

JM

“ My heart is broken thinking of this world without Elliott. He was kind, empathetic, funny and always gracious. Such a great smile and sparkling eyes, full of life. Always positive and encouraging. There will be an empty place for all of us left without Elliott. Love to Danielle and Corinne, always.

*Judy Miller*

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**Judy Miller** - December 18, 2017 at 06:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Elliott Whitley.



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December 17, 2017 at 08:48 PM

MM

“ Mike, Nancy, Hunter & Tommie Mayes purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Douglas Elliott Whitley.



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**Mike, Nancy, Hunter & Tommie Mayes** - December 17, 2017 at 05:22 PM

BH

“ Dr Whitley was so excited to be introduced to his gold fidget spinner we bought him to work. It put his "pen twirling" to shame. It gave us a smile watching him walk around work spinning that thing 😊 I never heard him speak unkind of anyone and I knew he would enjoy swapping flower pictures w Cody and I every time we had a new bloom or something in the garden to show off ❤️

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**Britney H** - December 17, 2017 at 04:09 PM

DS

“ I remember Elliott catching fireflies while visiting relatives in Ohio. He was perhaps eleven years old and if I remember correctly he had never seen lightning bugs before. Over the years I'd heard about his medical studies from other family members and knew that his parents must have been proud. I am sad that his life was shorter than what it should have been and understand the great loss his family must feel. Please know that you all will be in my thoughts and prayers. - Debra Wise Surbey

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**Debra Wise Surbey** - December 17, 2017 at 11:37 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Chris** - December 16, 2017 at 08:58 PM