



John Whiting

October 22, 1944 - October 5, 2007

Services for John S. Whiting, 62, of Tyler will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Doug Clark and Rev. Todd Hinkie officiating. Mr. Whiting died on October 5, 2007 in Tyler. He was born in Marion, Ohio on October 22, 1944 to the late John Taylor "Jack" Whiting and Janice Stauffer Whiting. He received a B.A. in Mechanical Engineering and was a Vietnam Veteran with the U.S. Air Force. He had a 35 year career in the industrial gas industry with employment with Burdox Oxygen, AGA Gas, BOC, and ETOX Incorporated, where he served as President and CEO for the past 12 years. He loved history, golf, travel, boating and spending time with his family at the lake. Mr. Whiting was preceded in death by his father, Jack Whiting, and a sister, Judith Ann Myers. He is survived by a loving family, including his wife of 40 years, Bonnie Whiting of Tyler; a son, Steven John Taylor Whiting of Castle Rock, Colorado; a daughter, Stacey Elizabeth Foster and husband, Joshua, of Flint; mother, Janice Stauffer Whiting of Amherst, Virginia; sisters, Sharon Whiting of Palatine, Illinois and Wendy Paris of Forest, Virginia; brothers, Richard Whiting of Dallas and Mark Whiting of Richmond, Virginia; sweet granddaughters, Hannah Elizabeth Foster and Lauren Grace Foster, both of Flint; and ten nieces and nephews. Memorials in honor of Mr. Whiting may be made to the Grace Community Church "Care Ministry" at 3215 Old Jacksonville Rd., Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *less be forgotten*

mr & mrs gary don malone - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *The sorrow of losing my brother John is overwhelming at times although it is the memory of all the great and wonderful times we shared growing up that brings back a little smile and a chuckle.*

Life lessons that only a big brother can teach you, stories we shared, jokes we played on each other. John was always there for me in so many ways. It always brighten my day when I received his email jokes or when we would sit down and tell jokes back and forth like we did with our Dad or chat about business His genuine caring and support during my difficult health issues was greatly appreciated and helped me to keep going.

More importantly he always had time for others and shared his love of family. I'll always be proud and considered honored to have John as a brother, a friend, a mentor.

May your memories of John be fond and joyous as mine and bring comfort to you in the days to come. Cherish all your memories, my prayers are with you all.

Richard (Dick) Whiting

Richard J. Whiting - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours at this difficult time. God Bless You!*

The Odoms

Alan and Stacey Odom - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family, in its entirety, will be in our prayers.*

Barbara Cearley - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *John was a very special man in the lives of my mom and dad (Butch and Barbara Cearley). He made a strong impact on my family with his compassion. Our sympathy is with your family...we pray for comfort and peace during this time of grief.*

Melissa Fowler (Cearley's daughter) - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of your loss.*

Philip & Leslie Scott - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to your family at John's untimely passing. My prayers are that John's touch will now always be with you through God's blessings and mercies. May his hands be with God's while they hold you through your sorrow. Lynne*

Lynne Whiting Hall - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Johnny was one week older than I, and my memories of our childhood are very vivid. He was a gentle, yet fun-loving cousin, and always ready for a game or two. I can still hear his giggle and see his grin. And I can still feel the love and warmth of being together with Uncle Jack, Aunt Janny and our special cousins when they would come to Dallas to see our grandparents...or we would go "north" to visit them in Ohio or Des Plaines. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Ann Whiting Hargis - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ John was a long time friend and a valuable asset to our industry. He was always searching for ways to grow and improve his company. His 35 years of knowledge in our industry will be a great loss.

Tom Dunn - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ When you look up the word "Gentleman" in the dictionary there is a picture of John Whiting. He was the most gracious, considerate, polite person I have ever known.

In business he keenly knew that what happened today was the result of decisions made weeks earlier. He always had a vision and a clear direction as to how that vision would be achieved. He could effectively communicate that vision to the newly hired stock boy or the CEO of a fortune 100 company with the same degree of clarity and in such a way that both thought they were the most important person in the plan.

John's absolute top priority was his family. Steven, Stacy, Josh, Hannah, and Lauren was his focus and his beloved Bonnie was the absolute center of his universe.

My most sincere desire is that my son emulate the qualities John displayed every day.

John was my best friend. With his absence every day for the rest of my life will never be as good as it would have been if John was still with us.

Jim Freeman - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to all that feel the loss of a loved family member and friend

Raymond L Watkins - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *The last time we saw John was when we were saying goodbye after a lovely visit in Texas this past spring. We'd been trying to get to Tyler for years, but life got in the way. We have a wonderful group of friends who were neighbors in Hudson, OH, in the 80's. We do our best to get together at least once a year. It was an honor to call John our friend. We've shared many good times. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they are gone. John is one of those people.*

Dennis & Pat O'Connor - October 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM