



## Jon J. Whattoff

February 16, 1941 - November 17, 2017

Jon J. Whattoff, 76, passed away in the comfort of his home on Friday, November 17, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to The Hospice of East Texas for the attentive and loving care Jon received in his final weeks.

A celebration of Jon's life will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David O. Dykes and Lee Poe officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Jon was preceded in death by his parents, Murl Whattoff and Leiala Blackburn; his son, Kurt Whattoff; and his half-brother, Terry Blackburn.

Jon is survived by his loving family including his wife, Brenda Whattoff; his son, Kevin Whattoff and DeEsta Beets, who was like a daughter to him. Jon welcomed the daughters and son who came into his life when he married Brenda: Brian Carey, Amy Carey and Emily Dauphin. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Ethan Dauphin, Bam and Cati Heredia and Aidan, Kayleigh and Miley Beets. Jon will also be dearly missed by his Iowa family including step-mother, Wanda Whattoff; his sister, Jenny and husband Randy Klinefelter; his sister, Sandy and husband Ross Anderson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jon was born and raised in Ames, Iowa, and he graduated from Oklahoma Military Academy. By the age of eleven he was serving ice cream at the family owned Dairy King. Always an entrepreneur, his pursuits ranged from real estate investing to establishing a number of businesses including owning

restaurants in Iowa, Arizona and Illinois. As the owner of Merchant Payment Systems, Jon used his passion for business and his intelligence for numbers to build a successful small business serving customers who considered Jon a trusted partner and friend. His love of business led to a natural hobby researching and learning more about the business world. Jon's intent was to always be a good steward of God's money. In his professional life and personal life, Jon generously shared his time, energy, passion, and enthusiasm by providing caring and encouraging mentorship.

His passion extended to serving God, and he treasured being baptized in the Jordan River. Attending Green Acres Baptist Church for many years, he was a member of the Lanny Bridges class. Working at the Welcome Booth and helping in VIP program with toddlers brought him much joy.

Having only been married to Brenda for eight years, he loved to tell the story of how they met on Match.com. Brenda was dearly loved by Jon and their short time together was filled with travel, spending time with family and friends, and being active members of a small group Bible study. Brenda and Jon traveled the world visiting places such as Alaska, Israel and the Mediterranean. Along with their families, they took yearly trips to their two favorite places in Lake Tahoe and Cabo, Mexico. Jon's family affectionately referred to him as "Jonny Cabo" and "Jonny Tahoe."

The family wishes to thank the following doctors for their compassionate care and guidance during this difficult time: Dr. Murtha Basile, Dr. Stacey Holder and Dr. Shailish Gupta.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Friday, November 24, 2017 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75702 or The East Texas Food Bank, 3201 Robertson Rd., Tyler, TX 75701.

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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have remained

faithful.”

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75703  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jon J. Whattoff



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - November 25, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jon J. Whattoff



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - November 24, 2017 at 10:56 AM

BK

*BrenaandKeven, I'm so sorry for the loss of your husband and dad. He had such a kind, gentle spirit, he will be missed by his Iowa family and friends. I'm so glad I got to meet all of you. My prayers are with you.*  
**Berna Klinefelter**

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**Berna Klinefelter** - November 24, 2017 at 04:37 PM

KM

“ Dear Kevin and the entire Whattoff family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you following the passing of Jon. I have very fond memories of Jon from our high school days in Ames, Iowa. Jon was so welcoming whenever we would be together. Jon had a wonderful smile and great sense of humor. We will continue to pray for you all. With all our love, the Morken family.



Kurt Morken - November 24, 2017 at 12:06 PM

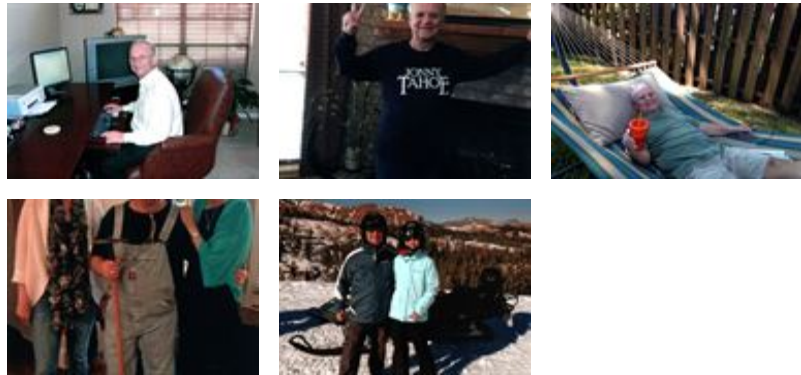
VL

“ Brenda, I am so sorry for your loss of your amazing husband. Hugs and prayers for all your friends and family in the days ahead. Love Vicki and Shirlene

vicki Lyon - November 24, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - November 24, 2017 at 09:44 AM

YF

“ *Your Fleming's Mountain West family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jon J. Whattoff.*



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**Your Fleming's Mountain West family** - November 22, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jon J. Whattoff.*



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November 22, 2017 at 02:24 PM

SH

“ *All my love to the Whattoff Family on this tremendous loss. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.*

*Shannon*

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**Shannon Harding** - November 22, 2017 at 11:02 AM

BH

“ *Bill and Helen purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jon J. Whattoff.*



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**Bill and Helen** - November 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM

PG

“ I'll always cherish fond memories of Christmas gatherings in the Whattoff home with Jon and Brenda. Being a part of those loving celebrations with family and friends was a privilege and a pleasure. Jon was a joy to be around with his outgoing personality and love of our Lord! He had a generous heart that made me smile. His choice of Brenda as his wife was the icing on his cake and the flowers in his garden as was obvious at how smitten he was with this beautiful lady. I rejoice that he is Home in Heaven and grieve that we must wait till our time to see him again. Condolences to Brenda, Kevin and all the hurting hearts in their sorrow. Rest in Peace Jon. You will be missed my friend.

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**Pris Greene** - November 21, 2017 at 10:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jon J. Whattoff.



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November 21, 2017 at 02:20 PM

FM

“ Fleming's Family in the Mid-Atlantic purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jon J. Whattoff.



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**Fleming's Family in the Mid-Atlantic** - November 20, 2017 at 11:46 PM

NE

“ Special condolences to all the Whattoff families. Jon was a friend from our time at Campus Baptist Church in Ames, Iowa. We spent many cold Sunday mornings in the church tower where we had bible classes. Kent Cooper, Jim Tyler, Melvin Brekke and other were attendees. Sorry to say the last time I saw Jon was in June 1984 in Arizona as my wife and I spent our honeymoon out west. Special times and special people. What a great family legacy the Whattoff family left in Ames in business and spiritual works. Rest in peace Jon

Norman L. Eckard - November 20, 2017 at 06:41 PM

PG

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Pris Greene - November 21, 2017 at 03:07 PM

TA

“ The ABs purchased the Stately Croton for the family of Jon J. Whattoff.



The ABs - November 20, 2017 at 01:06 PM

YR

“ *Your Fleming's Family- Notheast Region purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of Jon J. Whattoff.*



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**Your Fleming's Family- Notheast Region** - November 20, 2017 at 12:56 PM

YW

“ *Your Friends at Fleming's in the West purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jon J. Whattoff.*



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**Your Friends at Fleming's in the West** - November 19, 2017 at 04:50 PM

MH

“ *Michael/Lori/Georgia/Berlin Head purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Jon J. Whattoff.*



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**Michael/Lori/Georgia/Berlin Head** - November 19, 2017 at 11:17 AM

TG

“ *Mr. Whattoff- I never met you, but I've known your son for many years. I believe you can rest in peace that you did a fine job as a dad. What more can any of us really hope for in life. God Bless.*  
*T Gavigan*

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**T Gavigan** - November 19, 2017 at 10:10 AM

MH

“ *Being the next in line of the Whattoff cousins of this generation, I grew up with Jon and remember so well the holiday family gatherings. When we were kids, everyone in the family called him Johnny, and I still hear that among the cousins. He loved the cousin get togethers we have had recently, and was always ready for another one. He was dear to all who knew him and were loved by him. The Whattoff's this side of Heaven will miss him but we know that he had a much better reunion in Heaven with family up there. Thank you, God, for what you did in his life and thank you for the memories we have of Jon. Mary Whattoff Hamm*

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**Mary Hamm** - November 18, 2017 at 02:02 PM