



Fitz Whitaker

July 19, 1946 - May 23, 2015

Fitz Whitaker entered into his eternal life on Saturday, May 23rd. He was born on July 19, 1946 in Wynnewood, OK to N.J. and Ethelberta Whitaker and leaves his loving wife of 47 years, Linda [of Riverside, CA], and children Jason [of Gavilin Hills, CA], Amy [of Tyler, TX], and Alaina [of San Francisco, CA], and his four grandchildren, Brittany and husband Brad Lunsford [of Sulphur OK], Jaynee [of Lake Elsinore, CA], Emily and Dillon Ballew [of Tyler TX], and two great granddaughters, Brazlyn and Vaida Lunsford [of Sulphur OK]. He also leaves his loved brothers and sisters, Kay Dobbins [of Wynnewood, OK], Henry and wife, Karen of Wynnewood, OK], Karen Lou Smith [of Pauls Valley OK], Tom and wife Judy [of Wynnewood, OK], and Mary Sue and husband Kirby Williams [of Joshua, TX) as well and many cherished nephews and nieces.

He was the son of a blacksmith and developed a strong work ethic at a young age that remained throughout his life. Fitz earned his bachelor's degree at East Central University, Ada, and his Master's degree at the University of Tampa, FL. In 1971, Fitz began teaching Industrial Arts in New Port Richey, FL and was also the staff coordinator for the Vocational Program at Gulf High. Fitz and his family moved back to Wynnewood in 1979 where he built custom homes and continued to reside there until they moved to Riverside, CA in 1988 where he established Whitaker Backhoe company.

During the last several years he was able to spend more time in the Wynnewood and Pauls Valley area and loved working on the land and cattle as well as spending quality time with lifelong friends. Fitz left a lasting impression with those that he met with his quick wit and sense of humor. He was a good and honest man who would do anything he could to help those he knew, and even those that were strangers. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday May 27, 2015 at DeArman Funeral Home in Wynnewood from 5 to 7 PM. Services will be held on Thursday May 28, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Wynnewood, OK at 10:00 AM with Rev. Joe Elam officiating. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Wynnewood. Services are under the direction of DeArman Funeral Home of Wynnewood, OK. Please send online condolences to www.dearmanfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fitz Whitaker*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



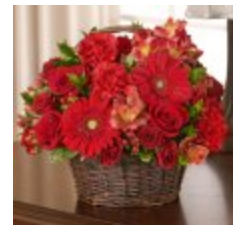
“ *Kara, Sammy, Julia & Erin purchased the Eternal Grace for the family of Fitz Whitaker.*



Kara, Sammy, Julia & Erin - May 27, 2015 at 02:27 PM



“ *Michael and Linda (Fuller) Plumlee purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Fitz Whitaker.*



Michael and Linda (Fuller) Plumlee - May 27, 2015 at 01:08 PM

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“ When Fitz and I were in high school I had a 49 Mercury convertible with a 1958 Ford Interceptor engine in it. We spent an entire night at the blacksmith shop making a custom dual exhaust system for it, which was no small feat due to the lack of space in the engine compartment, that required dozens of cuts, bends and welds to complete. When we were finished not a single one of Fitz's acetylene welds leaked! Fitz was a good friend and I am saddened to hear of his passing.

*JL Johnson, Jr.
Arlington, Texas*

JL Johnson - May 26, 2015 at 09:31 PM

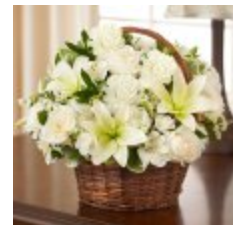
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“ *Kenneth and I send our love and sympathy to you all.*

Kenneth and Carol Smith - May 26, 2015 at 09:21 PM

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“ *Gary and Judy Blokland Courtney and Blake Roberts purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Fitz Whitaker.*



Gary and Judy Blokland Courtney and Blake Roberts - May 26, 2015 at 08:12 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Fitz Whitaker.*



May 26, 2015 at 06:07 PM



“ *Kathy and Dick Sheppard purchased the Sincere st Sorrow - Blue and White for the family of Fitz Whitaker.*



Kathy and Dick Sheppard - May 26, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ *We taught with Fitz and Linda in Pasco County Florida and have fond memories of our visits and time there. Fitz was always such a hard worked and good friend. We will never forget him.*

Tom and Roseanne Turner - May 26, 2015 at 01:27 PM



“ *Blackberry Baptist Church purchased the Multicol or Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Fitz Whitaker.*



Blackberry Baptist Church - May 26, 2015 at 12:26 PM