



## Jerry Lee Whitson

November 17, 1938 - June 7, 2016

Jerry Lee Whitson, age 77, of Melrose passed away peacefully on June 7, 2016, at his home near the lake by Melrose.

Jerry was born November 17, 1938, in Avery, Iowa to Cecil and Alberta (Sebben) Whitson. He attended and graduated from Albia High School Class of 1957. He was united in marriage to Virginia Dubeck. To this union came six children, Mike, Jerry, Scott, Jeff, Beth and Danny. Jerry served his country in the United States Navy. He worked as a camera/scanner operator at Stamats and Cedar Graphics for more than 35 years before retiring.

He was a member of the American Legion and the Disabled Veterans. Jerry enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, hunting, gardening, and coaching youth sports. He was a very talented woodworker often building grandfather clocks, birdhouses and shadowboxes. Jerry was very generous to charity groups and enjoyed helping others. His real joy in life was spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his six children, Mike (Margaret) Whitson of Cedar Rapids, Jerry Jr. (Laura) Whitson of Marion, Scott (Staci) Whitson of Central City, Jeff (Elly) Whitson of Martelle, Beth (Doug) Henderson of Coggon and Danny (Jade) Whitson of Central City; mother of the children Virginia Whitson; 14 grandchildren, Tony, Steve, Nick, Brandon, Ryan, Jacklyn, Katherine, Isabelle,

Emma, Leah, Phoebe, Brooklyn, Colton, and Emerson; 3 brothers, Larry (Phyllis) Whitson, Phil (Diane) Whitson and Wayne Whitson; a sister, Carolyn Plum and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Cecil and Alberta; a daughter, Tina Marie, two grandchildren, Hayley and Daunte; a brother Steve Whitson and a brother-in-law, Jim Plum.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2016, at the Tharp Funeral Home with Jerry's family present throughout.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 11, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tharp Funeral Home in Alba. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Alba, Lovilia, and Melrose will be in the Oak View Cemetery in Alba.

A memorial has been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Lee Whitson*

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January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Jerry Lee Whitson*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing.He was a good friend of the family and my dad Buck Kahler. Jerry had the heart of gold and a personality that touched your soul. And the memories with him will tatoo our minds with smiles. Much love and prayers to you all. Lonnie (kahler) Schreiner and family.*

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**Lonnie (kahler) Schreiner** - June 12, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ *What a loss Jerry will truly be missed. Jerry, Ken Sankey, Joe Powers, & I Jerry Cook worked together for many years. We all formed a bond like no other, we were like brothers.We had so much fun hunting & fishing and just goofing around. Jerry might be gone but these memories will always be with me.*

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**Jerry Cook** - June 11, 2016 at 08:40 AM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Whitson family and our good friend, Jeff on the loss of your father and husband. God Bless. Many prayers.

*Jayson and Darci Wagner and family*

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**Jayson Wagner** - June 10, 2016 at 11:18 PM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Whitson family and our good friend, Jeff on the loss of your father and husband. God Bless. Many prayers.

*Jayson and Darci Wagner and family*

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**Jayson Wagner** - June 10, 2016 at 11:16 PM

PE

“ To Jerry and family, my friend and old neighbor, my sincere sympathy in the loss of your father.

*Parnell Etteldorf*

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**Parnell Etteldorf** - June 10, 2016 at 04:32 PM

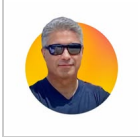


“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.



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June 10, 2016 at 01:12 PM



“ Mike, my dear friend, I am really sorry for your loss. We are praying for your dad and your family.

*Francisco, Melody, Eric & Daniel Molina*

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**Francisco Molina** - June 10, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.



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June 10, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ Karen & I are so saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. I very much enjoyed Jerry's friendship in all the years we worked together at Stamats and our archery shoots and quail hunting trip to my folks in Kansas. I really enjoyed the reaction of Jerry when I (on several occasions) swooped down low with the airplane over his house then hit full power and woke him up.  
To all the kids & Grandkids, Jerry was really loved by all who knew him and will never be far from our hearts.  
*Evan Winters*

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**Evan Winters** - June 10, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ From the Pflughaupt's, Pete, Jeanne, Brett, DeGwen, Matthew, Madyson, Greg, Leigh, Chloe, Cody, Friends of the family. We are so sorry to hear of Jerry's death. Our thoughts and prayers are sent to all of his family.

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**Jeanne Pflughaupt** - June 10, 2016 at 09:01 AM

FC

“ *From the Yarbrough's Chris, Jami, Jordan, Jace, Jagger purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.*



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**From the Yarbrough's Chris, Jami, Jordan, Jace, Jagger** - June 10, 2016 at 12:11 AM

KB

“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's death. My thoughts and prayers are sent to all his family!*

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**Kate Brock** - June 10, 2016 at 12:07 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.*



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June 09, 2016 at 11:51 PM

EL

“ *I was so sad to hear of Jerry passing. I have so many fond memories of the fishing trips with that gang and it was a gang. What a wonderful bunch and Jerry was right in the middle, he will always be in my heart and mind.  
All my sympathies to the family.*

*Errol Lindsey.*

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**Errol Lindsey** - June 09, 2016 at 09:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.



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June 09, 2016 at 05:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.



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June 09, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.



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June 09, 2016 at 01:14 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.



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June 09, 2016 at 12:38 PM

JW

“ As a cousin, I remember looking up to Jerry from the time I was a little boy. He visited us in Chicago and I saw him in Iowa when I was visiting the Whitsons there. I remember him always calling me Johnnie even when I was grown up. I heard stories about his Navy days. When I grew up after my father, brother and cousin Jerry had been in the Navy I never thought of any other branch of the service. After I got married Jerry was also very kind to my wife Jessie anytime we visited. I remember him finding a .22 pistol for her the last time we were at his place shooting and the rest of the guns were too big for her. That was a nice little gun and he always found a way to make people feel welcome and included. Jerry was a very good man and We will miss him always. I know he found comfort in the Lord and I hope he always finds rest in God the Father's loving arms. God Bless You Always Jerry. -John and Jessie Whitson

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**John and Jessie Whitson** - June 09, 2016 at 11:56 AM

MD

“ Members of the Marion Police Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.



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**Members of the Marion Police Department** - June 09, 2016 at 11:20 AM

HD

“ Jerry, I am/we're so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Our condolences go out to you and your entire family.

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**Harry R. Daugherty** - June 09, 2016 at 11:18 AM

EW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Emma Whitson** - June 09, 2016 at 10:59 AM

EM

*TO THE WHITSON FAMILIES SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MAY HE REST IN PEACE*

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**ED MCGINN** - June 09, 2016 at 12:30 PM

YF

“ *Your Skyworks friends purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.*



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**Your Skyworks friends** - June 09, 2016 at 09:48 AM

FC

“ *From all of the DeMoss Cousins purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.*



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**From all of the DeMoss Cousins** - June 09, 2016 at 09:45 AM

EW

“ Hi grandpa!! I loved it when you would play with me in a tent and played Barbie's with me. It was funny when we where on our way to Walmart and you would point out people with tattoos, piercings, and yell at mom because she was driving too fast. Thank you for the delicious chocolate chip cookies that you would get at the station. I want to give you a hug, kiss, and ear nippee one last time. I miss you and love you so much!

Your Angel,  
Emma

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**Emma Whitson** - June 09, 2016 at 09:31 AM

EW

“ Old man! I will never forget our visits. I loved it when you thought you could out fish me, but then made excuses that you put me in the good spots or didn't have time to take care of your own pole because you were to busy taking care of mine. Getting your call that you would be in Cedar Rapids in a half hour and our lunch dates at Burger King and our trips to Sam's Club. The talks we had when I was driving home from work - you knew when I made it, because you would always ask if that was your sweethearts you hear and then you would tell me to tell them that you loved them and give them big hugs from you. I wish I could give you one last big hug and tell you how much I love you. I miss and love you!

Elly

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**Elly Whitson** - June 09, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.*



June 08, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.*



June 08, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ *Brother Jerry, we loved spending time with you at the lake and we will miss you very much. When I, Phyllis goes down to mow our property next to yours I will be waiting for you to come over to visit and you will not be coming.*

*Larry & Phyllis*

**Larry & Phyllis Whitson** - June 08, 2016 at 08:17 PM



*Our prayers are with you all. He was a fun cousin and will be missed.*  
*Fran & Bill Magie*

**Fran Magie** - June 08, 2016 at 09:32 PM

DW

“ *What a great brother and quite a character. You had to like/love him. Will miss you Jerry.*

*Love  
Diane and Phil*

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**Diane Whitson** - June 08, 2016 at 07:12 PM

GM

“ *Grace Zingarelli, George Maple Jr and Robin Maple purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jerry Lee Whitson.*



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**Grace Zingarelli, George Maple Jr and Robin Maple** - June 08, 2016 at 06:26 PM

DK

“ *Jerry was a wonderful kind man, we enjoyed having Jerry as a neighbor all these years.*

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**Dennis & Mim Kurimski** - June 08, 2016 at 05:46 PM

CO

*to the Whitson family our thoughts are with you Jerry was a great man and we have memories of his being around Central City. he was always witty and fun to be around.  
the vern silvers family*

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**connie** - June 09, 2016 at 10:48 AM