



Wesley "Bud" Whiting

February 28, 2023

Born on April 1, 1958, Wesley "Bud" Whiting passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on February 28, 2023.

Bud lived his entire life as a proud resident of Craig County, Virginia where he roamed the mountain sides and creek banks hunting and fishing throughout the majority of his life. He was a feisty and outspoken character who lived life to the fullest and loved his friends and family with all of his heart.

Bud met his beloved wife Melissa in 1985 and they married exactly one year from the day they met, on December 13, 1986, and started their family in Craig County where they proudly raised their two daughters, Rachel Leigh and Carly Austin. Bud was an amazing girl dad and took pride in the years he spent watching them grow up, play volleyball, and eventually get married and start families of their own. Bud was extremely proud that Melissa retired early from her position as the principal of Craig County High School to take care of him in the final years of his life.

Bud was a hard worker with an incredible work ethic and loved his co-workers at the U.S. Forest Service, Coca-Cola, and Norfolk Southern. The day he received his locomotive engineer license was one of the proudest moments of his life and he could reminisce about train stories "all the live-long day." More recently, he grew to love his National Pools family and their "work hard/play

hard” way of life.

Bud was preceded in death by his father, Joe Parker Whiting, his brother-in-law Butch Harnack, and a multitude of close friends. He is survived by his mother, Patsy Whiting; wife, Melissa Whiting; daughter, Rachel Lower (Brandon); daughter, Carly Teller (Wyatt); grandchildren Charlotte, Austin, and Brooks; sisters Diane Lugar (Alan), Loretta Keffer (Greg), Lisa Harnack, and baby brother Billy Joe Whiting (Cindy). He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Granddaddy Bud loved his three grandbabies immensely and was happiest when he was spending time with them. One of his most cherished pastimes was playing music to accompany his sweet Charlotte while she danced and frolicked around the house. The family trip to The Greenbrier in January to spend time with his first grandson, Brooks, and his youngest granddaughter, Austin Kate, made memories that his family will cherish for lifetimes.

Bud’s family will forever be grateful for Nurse Sara and the staff at Lewis Gale’s Medical Intensive Care Unit for the excellent care provided and the support offered.

Bud’s memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Paitsel Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Paitself Funeral Home
286 Main Street
PO Box 326
New Castle, VA 24127
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Tribute Wall



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.*



March 05, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *"Bud" was a good friend and beloved classmate of mine from New Castle High School Class of 1976! He was always smiling and kept all of his classmates laughing and smiling too! There was never a dull moment around Bud.. Yet, he also had a very serious, caring and compassionate side to him as well. I'm sure all of our classmates will miss him dearly! I'm truly sorry for your loss. Jimmy and I will keep you and your family in our prayers. Sheila Abbott DeHart*

Sheila Abbott DeHart - March 04, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ *Robert Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Wesley "Bud" Whiting*



Robert Caldwell - March 04, 2023 at 08:44 AM

AP

“ It didn't take me long after meeting Bud briefly when he was in St. Louis, to know he was special, thoughtful and loyal to his family and friends. Steve and I appreciated that thoughtfulness in his gift of moonshine! I know he will be missed and pray God surrounds you with peace and comfort. Angie & Steve



Angela Pietrowski - March 03, 2023 at 02:01 PM

C2

“ CCHS Class of 2023 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



CCHS Class of 2023 - March 03, 2023 at 12:57 PM

DW

“ Donna Hinrichs & Steve Wagner purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



Donna Hinrichs & Steve Wagner - March 03, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 03, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.*



March 03, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you all at this time and the days ahead. Mr. Bud was a wonderful man!! He will be deeply missed, but God has gained a special angel.*



Susie Mattox - March 03, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.*



March 03, 2023 at 12:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.*



March 02, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 02, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 02, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 02, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 02, 2023 at 06:38 PM

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“ Samantha <3 purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



Samantha <3 - March 02, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 02, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 02, 2023 at 02:24 PM

MB

“ Always loved Mr. Bud's voice and how he demonstrated through actions his love for his 3 favorite girls. Mel, Rachel, and Carly. His laughter was contagious. We are praying our Savior's comfort, peace, love, and strength over his entire Whiting family. 💜



Michele Bowman - March 02, 2023 at 01:32 PM

CM

“ Calvin and Patsy and Matt purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



Calvin and Patsy and Matt - March 02, 2023 at 01:00 PM

VR

“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of such a great person. This entire family are honestly the most amazing,best people I have ever met. I am honored that I had the privilege of knowing bud and is family. I am saddened he is gone but I will always cherish memories.



Vanessa rutter - March 02, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 02, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 02, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.*



March 02, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.*



March 02, 2023 at 07:36 AM



“ *David Diane Nikki Allen Josh Reynolds purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.*



David Diane Nikki Allen Josh Reynolds - March 02, 2023 at 05:56 AM



“ *Will Miss Bud. Grew up together. Our mothers were in the hospital together. I was born the day before him. Will miss telling him to respect his elders. Condolences to the family. Great man.*

David Reynolds - March 02, 2023 at 05:48 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.*



March 02, 2023 at 04:07 AM



“ *Sending My Condolences. My Thoughts and Prayers 🙏 are with Family and Friends.*



Carolyn Drewry - March 02, 2023 at 12:04 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.*



March 01, 2023 at 11:51 PM



“ *Karen Wilson lit a candle in memory of Wesley "Bud" Whiting*



Karen Wilson - March 01, 2023 at 11:37 PM

BU

“ Words become insufficient and deficient when trying to wrap them around the spirit of a man like Bud. He and Melissa were always welcoming, caring and permanently woven into our family’s fabric.

Everyone knew when Bud walked in the room because he boomed his delight to the rafters inviting everyone within earshot to come along on his joyride! No matter if it’s heaven or earth, the unique spirit of joy and love that is Bud Whiting will be with us forever.

My love to you all,
Becky Underwood

Becky Underwood - March 01, 2023 at 11:21 PM

LH

No better man than Mr. Jimmy himself to await Mr. Bud’s heavenly greeting. Two very fine men.

Laura Bowman Huff - March 02, 2023 at 04:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 01, 2023 at 09:24 PM




“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 01, 2023 at 09:18 PM

MG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all 
Greg and Marlene Garman



Marlene Garman - March 01, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ Bud Whiting was a one of a kind guy. He readily met you with a smile! This trait surely inherited from his Mom Patsy and his Dad Joe. As luck would have it, all their children were blessed with this trait. My most sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Melissa and Carly and Rachel and all the Whiting family. Prayers and love to one and all - family, friends and coworkers. Always, Cindy Craft Green

Cindy Green - March 01, 2023 at 08:18 PM

PC

“ Peggy Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of
Wesley "Bud" Whiting



Peggy Cook - March 01, 2023 at 08:17 PM

KW

“ *Melissa, Rachel, Carly and the Whiting family:
Thinking of you all during this difficult time.
Bud was such a sweet guy who always wore
a smile and never met a stranger. He will
surely be missed by all who knew him.
Thinking of you all and sending prayers and (((Hugs)))
Karen Wiseman*



Karen Wiseman - March 01, 2023 at 07:55 PM

DM

“ *Prayers for the family*



David & Cindy Mcallister - March 01, 2023 at 07:10 PM

JD

“ *I have known Bud Whiting his whole life as
well as his whole family from growing up here
in Craig County. Bud was one of the most
personable, kind and caring individuals one
could ever know along with a wonderful
friend. He
always had a ready smile for everyone. He will be missed by
everyone whose life he touched and all of us who have known him
his entire life. God is getting a special angel. God bless Bud and
each of his family members.
Fondly,
Janice Damewood, Friend*



Janice Damewood - March 01, 2023 at 06:49 PM

JB

“ Jack And Diana Bsyne lit a candle in memory of Wesley "Bud" Whiting



Jack and Diana Bsyne - March 01, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Wesley "Bud" Whiting.



March 01, 2023 at 06:15 PM

MJ

“ Mark Jones lit a candle in memory of Wesley "Bud" Whiting



Mark Jones - March 01, 2023 at 05:26 PM

AB

Prayers for the family. David and Anita Booth

Anita Booth - March 02, 2023 at 08:34 PM