



## Marvin Eugene Whisman

April 10, 1936 - January 10, 2017

Marvin Eugene Whisman of Bagdad, passed away January 10, 2017 surrounded by family. He was born April 10, 1936 in Flemingsburg, KY to the late Russell Carl and Carrie Lou (Bates) Whisman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Mary (Wiard) Whisman, five children, Rick (Sandy) Whisman, Nancy Ray and Russell (Joy) Whisman of Frankfort, Barbie Ratliff and Remona (Mike) Gooding of Flemingsburg, 16 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by brothers Richard Emory "Bud" Whisman of Flemingsburg, James Whisman of Alexandria, Clayton Whisman of Maysville, John Whisman of Erlanger and sister Alberta Baldrige of Fort Wayne, IN. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter Jessica Whisman.

Marvin was an accomplished mason and worked for the Capital City Airport before retiring from the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife. He enjoyed farming, hunting, camping and time with family and many cherished friends.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Saturday, January 21 from 2:00-4:00pm. Minister James T. Sudduth will officiate. At Marvin's request, his body has been donated to the University of Kentucky for the advancement of science.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice of the Bluegrass and Signature HealthCare of Georgetown for their compassion.

Donations in Marvin's memory may be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 1317 US-62, Cynthiana, KY 41031

Arrangements are under the direction of LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home.

Condolences and memories may be shared via the online tribute wall at [www.ljtfuneralhome.com](http://www.ljtfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ I worked at/retired from Fish and Wildlife and routinely crossed paths with Marvin in the Wood Shop. He always had a kind word and a smile at the ready for me. I have family in Flemingsburg and we reminisced about the various places we both knew from our time in that part of the world. A true gentleman  
*Bill Mitchell - Fisheries/Wildlife Divisions*

Bill Mitchell - January 23, 2017 at 10:25 AM

SH

“ Soooo sorry for the lose to this family. Just want you all to know we are thinking of you. This is Sandra, daughter to Joy and Russ's neighbor Hazel. ...If we had been in Frankfort during this time we would've paid respect to this fine man. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU AND CLING TO ALL THE GOOD MEMORIES.....SENDING HUGS...

SANDRA HARRIS - January 21, 2017 at 11:50 PM



“ 305 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lecompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home - January 21, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin Eugene Whisman.



January 19, 2017 at 03:28 PM

RG

“ I will say the thing I remember the most is when I got to visit my dad he never failed to kiss us goodbye in the morning before he left for work even if we were asleep he never failed. I would say that is what I will miss the most and that I did not get that farewell kiss. till we meet again daddy! 🥺

Remona Whisman Gooding - January 18, 2017 at 09:27 AM

WC

“ Mary and Nancy, so sorry for you loss. We will keep you in our prayers. Wes, Jennifer, Courteney, and Garrett Clark

Wes, Jennifer, Courteney, Garrett Clark - January 17, 2017 at 09:22 PM

MF

My thoughts and prayers are sent to Rick and his family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Mary E. Fint - January 20, 2017 at 02:21 PM

AG

“ Mr. and Mrs. Whisman have been good neighbors of mine on Elkhorn Drive for more than twenty years. Always friendly and nice, he will be greatly missed by me and all that knew him. May the blessings of God's peace be known to Mary and the entire family.

Ann Gordon - January 17, 2017 at 01:00 PM



Thank you for the flowers and chocolate. Marvin was my dad. I don't recognize who you are. Were you a coworker of his?

Nancy Ray - January 17, 2017 at 06:06 PM

KI

“ Mary, Nancy, and Russell, I just heard about the passing of Marvin. I hope that the love of family and friends will comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead. Loss can be difficult and I will be thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers.

Kim R.

Kim - January 17, 2017 at 10:25 AM



Hello Kim, thank you for the kind words. Would this be Kim ruble?

Nancy Ray - January 17, 2017 at 06:08 PM

KI

Yes

Kim - January 18, 2017 at 10:37 AM

LR

“ I remember I loved working out in the garden with granny and pop, then when we were finished pop and I would ride to Baghdad for a cheeseburger and soft serve ice cream! Can't believe it has been a week already. I remember freaking out when you would stick your teeth out at me and nobody else would see it. I thought that was the coolest thing ever! Haha. Or when me and mom would come visit you at the game farm and we would bring a Big Mac and I would sneak a bite of it (thinking you couldn't see me when you were really watching the whole time)

Oh how I miss you. I'll see you again someday. I love you buddy! ❤️

Laura Ray - January 17, 2017 at 09:51 AM



I can still see you both laughing about that Big Mac... ❤️

Nancy Ray - January 17, 2017 at 06:09 PM



“ I worked at KY Fish & Wildlife with Marvin for many years. He was the sweetest, kindness man anyone could ever know. He will be greatly missed. RIP Marvin.

Bettye Johnson - January 16, 2017 at 12:13 PM

JJ

“ Mary I am so sorry for this loss! Marvin and you were such a big part of my childhood. i loved this family like you were mine. Rick, Nancy and Russ I am sorry for the loss of your wonderful father. I pray that God gives you peace to heal...Love you all  
Joyce Jewell (Ray)



Joyce Jewell - January 15, 2017 at 09:19 PM

SV

“ Marvin was a great guy. He would stop what he was doing and always help me. I will never forget his kindness.

Steve Votaw - January 14, 2017 at 11:30 AM

JS

“ so sorry Mary. It way a long good by. Take care Jane

jane smith - January 14, 2017 at 07:26 AM

WM

“ Marvin was a great guy.i always enjoyed talking to him at Fish and Wildlife.



Wes McClain - January 13, 2017 at 04:53 PM



“ 19 files added to the tribute wall



Eric Whisman - January 13, 2017 at 01:06 PM

CS

“ Carrie Chism Shipley lit a candle in memory of Marvin Eugene Whisman



Carrie Chism Shipley - January 13, 2017 at 01:03 PM

CE

“ My brother Troy and I would go every summer and stay a week with pop and granny. One summer in particular I remember that we went and got to help Pop now the farm bureau insurance building. When we were done he took us to the Elk Horn Creek restaurant and ate lunch. On the way back home we jammed out to "Copperhead Road", every time I hear it I think of pop. As we were traveling down the road back to his house it was very curvy, he had told us that when they were making that road they laid a snake down and followed it and that's why the road was so curvy. I believed him. Lol. But those summers were nice to go spend with pop and granny having her cooking and getting to help out. I just remember I would get homesick sometimes and collect call mom to come get us. But pop always gave us candy when we got home and stayed to visit a bit. If we could all just be young again.

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**Clisty Earlywine** - January 13, 2017 at 09:36 AM

VS

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying that God will hold you close during this time.  
 Valerie Smith.

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**valerie smith** - January 13, 2017 at 09:02 AM

BR

“ 11 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Barbie ratliff** - January 13, 2017 at 08:55 AM

NR

“ His whistle!!! If you heard it, it would bring you home. If you didn't hear, you were in trouble when you got home. We as kids learned to stay within whistle distance, wherever we were.. ❤️

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**nancy ray** - January 13, 2017 at 06:13 AM

NR

“ I remember when I would hod carry for dad when I was about 9-10. I would pick up one block and try to carry it, scraping my legs in the process.... He would say pack one in each hand and it will balance you out and will be easier. Little did I know he was teaching me a lesson. Thank you so much dad for keeping me balanced.

nancy ray - January 13, 2017 at 05:54 AM

RM

“ Mary and Family - Randy and I are sending our prayers your way. Randy thought the world of Marvin. I remember the first summer that we started dating, he was a "hod carrier?" for Marvin and he learned the craft of bricklaying from him. He's also spent a lot of time with him hunting and running dog trials. Marvin and Mary's name was never mentioned that Randy didn't smile. I grew to love Mary when my children went to Collins Lane and I volunteered for 8 years there. Whisman family - you have the best of the best parents and we grieve with you as you lose your dear husband and father. We live in Bowling Green now and just read this - I certainly wish we would have know in time to pay our respects. God bless you all and thanks for being part of our life.

Randy & Linda Owens Moore - January 12, 2017 at 10:23 PM

 Joy Whisman

The celebration of life isn't till January 21st at 2-4.

Joy Whisman - January 13, 2017 at 09:04 AM

CS

I remember Marvin coming down to the house to pick my brother David Chism up for work, when David worked with Marvin. I came to work at Fish and Wildlife and Marvin (other than Sharon Duvall) was the first familiar face I saw. I was so glad to see someone I knew.  
I enjoyed the visits at Marvin and Mary's so much. You could never visit with them that you didn't go away with a smile on your face. He will be greatly missed; we loved him.  
The Chism Family,  
Carrie Chism Shipley

Carrie Chism Shipley - January 13, 2017 at 01:03 PM

 Russ Whisman

“ There was one time we went to Madison, IN and we stopped to get a chocolate pie. When we went to go eat it we did not have anything to cut it with so Dad to the oil dip stick out wiped it clean and used it to cut the pie. Dad was always quick thinking to come up with ideas. I would have to say to this day that was the best chocolate pie I ever had.

Russ Whisman - January 12, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ LuAnn Oney lit a candle in memory of Marvin Eugene Whisman



LuAnn Oney - January 12, 2017 at 08:24 PM

BR

“ I loved my daddy very much,loved going to work with him years ago what little i could do to help. He had other men working and im about 13/14,put shorts on ,this was early 70s came out got in the truck,and he gave me the strangest look and said if youre going to work with me youre getting some clothes on,i was fully dressed mind you but back in i went and put on pants,very strict good dad i was surprized but those masonry days are some of my favorite memories.loved going and helping to do anything i could to help. A day with my dad too few. But summer i was young and he was without a doubt the fastest brick and block layer and tobacco cutter of all time in ky No Doubt

Barbie whisman ratliff - January 12, 2017 at 07:35 PM



That was some of my best times to.

Russ Whisman - January 12, 2017 at 09:10 PM



I didn't get to help much but their was one time I gave him a block Then Russ told me I gave it to him the wrong way,I thought "how do you give someone a block the wrong way" then I got a lesson.

Joy Whisman - January 12, 2017 at 09:21 PM



“ I remember when i was young and everyone was at papaws for thanksgiving and all us grandkids where in russ's old room playing. And jessie dared me to call 911 and hang up. Well of course i did but little did i know they have caller id and they call back. Well mary answered and needless to say i got in BIG TROUBLE!!!! But papaw came to me later and gave me a very soft sweet kiss as he always did and said " honey dont tell granny but your not in trouble your papaws sweetie and i cant stay mad at you, bit if it ever happens again ill bury you in my garden lol!!!!" But that was our little inside joke of course he was joking but papaw was my buddy. I used to go once every summer. Would love to go back to those days love you papaw

Tressie Whisman - January 12, 2017 at 06:44 PM



*I remember that....you made me laugh so hard I cried....*

**Joy Whisman** - January 12, 2017 at 09:13 PM



*I remember that . But the part of Dad talking to you. Made me smile but I am sure you weren't smiling to much. Dad always had a way to get his point across.*

**Russ Whisman** - January 12, 2017 at 09:17 PM



*Yeah even tho got in trouble was still one of the best days i had with all the family there. But needless to say 911 never got a call fro me again. Really learned my lesson on that one. But its something ill never forget. Miss those days so much*

**Tressie Whisman** - January 17, 2017 at 12:02 AM



*“ I remember when Marvin would help us strip tobacco and all the funny times we had showing off in front of him. Loved to see him smile and to hear him laugh.*

*Remember the time when we had the blizzard of 78. He walked out to us on top of the snow and talked to us about the snow. I didn't realize it until he said something about that those little knobs poking through the snow were the fence post.*

*He loved kids and loved to watch them play, I believe he enjoyed that more than anything.*

*I remember when him and Ricky built the Family Room onto our house. I told him I wanted to be a carpenter one day. He was very obliging in teaching me. Most kindness and patient man I know.*

*To all the Whisman family I love you all very much, and very sorry for your loss.*

**Jeff** - January 12, 2017 at 05:08 PM



*just wanted to let the whisman kids rick/ barbie/mona that im thinking of them and to let them im sorry for there lost of there dad.*

**james long** - January 12, 2017 at 09:21 PM