



Donald Wayne Whitley

July 22, 1955 - December 26, 2015

Donald Wayne Whitley of Williston, North Dakota, formerly of Cadillac, passed away December 26, 2015 at his home. He was 60.

Don was born July 22, 1955 in Wyandotte, Michigan to Billie R. and Betty June (Ford) Whitley.

He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1974 and worked as a manager at Big Boy in Cadillac and later attended Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids. Donald came back to Cadillac and worked as bakery manager at Carters grocery for many years. He then moved to Boyne City and served as manager at the Petoskey Carters and later he also worked as Corporate Merchandiser for Carters as well. Donald then worked at Harbor Park Market near Harbor Springs before being employed at Holiday Station Store in Newberry in 2010 and worked there until moving to Williston, North Dakota a year and a half ago, where he was the general manager of the Holiday Station Stores there. Don enjoyed biking, riding his motorcycle and spending time with his family and friends. He had a great sense of humor and was involved and active in the communities in which he lived. In his younger years he was active in Campus Life.

He is survived by his children: Jennifer Whitley of White Lake, Michigan, Steven D. Whitley of Anchorage, Alaska and Billie (Kati) Whitley of Boyne

City; two step children: Crystal (Alan) Shanks of Autrain, Michigan and Brittnay Bauman of Boyne City; two grandchildren: Aliyah N. Whitley and Henry W. Whitley; parents, Billie and Betty Whitley of Cadillac; sister, Velma (Randy) Stimpson of Taylor; brothers: Richard (Terry) Whitley of Ada and Duane (Mary) Whitley of Tustin and many nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his grandparents William and Nellie Whitley and Edna "Mama" Huber.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday December 31, 2015 at Temple Hill Baptist Church in Cadillac with Pastor Jeff Stimpson officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Education fund for Don's Grandchildren. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Don was an amazing man, he always had a way to make you smile even when you didn't feel like it. He will be missed by many.

Angela Harris - January 01, 2016 at 08:03 PM

JB

“ The past week has been so sad without your presence at the Holiday. Tears cane to my eyes when you didn't come running back on Sunday asking to help. You are well loved and very missed. Rest in peace my friend.

Jane Black - December 31, 2015 at 04:49 PM

RN

“ Don was the best boss I have ever had. He taught me a lot about life, and I whistle at work more than ever before. Thanks for the memories, Don. You will be forever missed.

Rob Nelson - December 31, 2015 at 01:35 PM

RK

“ I fondly remember Don and the motel on Mitchell Street. Especially the morel mushrooms. God bless you and I am so sorry for your loss

Ron Kendall - December 31, 2015 at 09:56 AM

DK

“ *In high school he was one of my best friends. Sorry for your loss, I think of him often as we reconnected on Facebook. I would have been there today but am visiting my Dad in Texas.*

Douglas Kendall - December 31, 2015 at 09:50 AM

JP

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! Don was a sweet man who always smiled when I came in and always was joking! His passing is a great loss here on earth*
I'll keep your family in my prayers!

Joy patterson - December 30, 2015 at 05:58 PM

JT

“ *Where do I begin? Donald Whitley was the best boss I ever had, and probably ever will. I looked forward to coming to work, where he would fill the store with his wonderful personality. He was the hardest working boss I ever had the privilege of working with. He was funny and he let you be yourself and understood everyone's needs. Working at Holiday will not be the same. To me, Don Was Holiday. He will be greatly missed and forever loved!*

Jennifer E. Tyre - December 30, 2015 at 02:08 PM

AM

“ *Our love to your family during this difficult time. You are always in our thoughts.*

Allison and Tony Magnan - December 30, 2015 at 01:28 PM

TM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for your family. May comfort and peace be yours now and always.

Tim and Cindi Markham - December 30, 2015 at 07:59 AM

TD

“ We continue to pray for all of the family that each will receive our Lord's precious comfort.

Tom and Cheryl Davis - December 29, 2015 at 11:19 PM

TM

“ Duane, Mary and Family- So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you now and for the days and months to come.

Todd & Deb Modderman - December 29, 2015 at 07:34 PM

TN

“ So sorry for your loss. Don was an amazing boss and even better father figure/friend. He will be deeply missed by myself and many more!

Tara Nelson - December 29, 2015 at 06:37 PM

BB

“ Don will be remembered for his leadership and commitment to Holiday. His efforts to open our store in Williston and assemble a great team shows his belief in stewardship. Don will be missed but he will be remembered by all of the team members he influenced over his career.

Brent Blackey - December 29, 2015 at 05:41 PM

RS

“ *My sympathies and prayers to the family. Don, I will never forget your wit, energy, and personality. God bless you and yours!*

Randy Schuette - December 29, 2015 at 05:29 PM

AH

“ *Don was one of the best bosses and friend that I every met. He will be missed by all.*

Anita Hogan - December 29, 2015 at 05:17 PM

RJ

“ *Don was fun to be around, outgoing and full of energy. He will be missed at by all of his friends and co-workers at Holiday.*

Rick Johnson - December 29, 2015 at 01:38 PM

DT

“ *Vel & family,
Please know you are all being lifted in prayer. We are so very sorry for your loss. We pray God will give you peace that only He can give and be of comfort during this sad time. Our Love & Prayers*

Doug & Debbie Thomas - December 29, 2015 at 12:25 PM