



Jr Whiteley

January 31, 1928 - January 11, 2019

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Perry, Iowa; formerly of Jefferson, Iowa

Date of Death: January 11, 2019

January 11, 2019 ... Donald Trump was President ... Government was in partial shutdown ... Border Wall was a controversial topic and the Brewers had beat the Cubs ... Jr decided he'd had enough and left this earth for a far better place! Jr fought really hard to come back to his family, but it wasn't meant to be... God had other plans. Jr passed away peacefully at Dallas County Hospital, Perry, IA surrounded by his loving family.

Irvin Jr Whiteley was born on January 31, 1928 in Sewal, IA to Irvin Erwin Whiteley and Sara Emma (Todd) Whiteley. Jr went to school in Sewal until 7th grade and attended "Country School" north of Corydon in 8th and 9th grade and graduated from Allerton High School in 1946. Jr rode his horse to and from school many of those days. While in high school he worked at the Webb Sale Barn and at Whiteley Electric with his brother Dail. Jr spent his leisure time working with and training horses.

Jr was married on June 3, 1949 at the Christian Parsonage in Allerton, IA to Geneva Frances Ockerman and they resided in Corydon, IA (where their first daughter, Peggy Ann was born). Jr worked at Bricks Gas Station, then he worked at Wolf's Furniture Store and Funeral Home, and after leaving Wolf's he worked at Jack's Grocery and Murphy's Clothing Store. In 1959 Jr joined the P.M. Place Company as manager. His first store was in Corning, IA later transferring to Albany, MO (where their second daughter, Terry Lynn was born), Boone, IA, and Jefferson, IA where Jr and Geneva were to make their home until December 2015. After working for Place's for twenty five plus years he began working at the Greene County Assessor's Office as an appraiser for nine years while working at Spring Lake as a Park Officer part time. After retiring from the Assessor's Office he worked at Midwest Dry Cleaning and continued at Spring Lake. He left Midwest Dry Cleaning to work at Bayard Basics Hardware Store and helped every weekend at Bayard Dance Country both in Bayard, IA until their closing. Then ... he finally learned the

difference between “Retired” and “Tired”.

Among his hobbies and favorite things to do were riding and training horses, sports of all kinds especially baseball in high school and as an adult, playing third base at Shane Hill with the Whiteley Family and others. Other favorite past times included girls softball, golf, bowling, dancing, fishing, boating, westerns on television, country music, and good food. Jr was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson, Kiwanis, Rotary, League Bowling, Chamber, Jaycees, MYF leader, and was President of Girl’s Senior League Softball.

In December of 2015 due to health issues the decision was made to move in with daughter Peg in Perry, IA. After a two month hospital stay Jr moved to the Rowley Masonic Home in Perry, IA where he lived until his death.

Jr was preceded in death by his parents Irvin and Sara Whiteley, a sister Sarah Whiteley, Geneva's parents Aaron Ockerman and Ina Ockerman, Brother-in-Law Lowell Ockerman and his wife Virginia Ann, Sister-in-Law Lois Morrett and husband George, and Sister--in-Law Anna Mae Tonelli and husband Charles along with several Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 69 years Geneva Whiteley, his two Daughters Peg (Dick) Wilcox, of Perry, IA, Terry (Dennis) Murphy of Jefferson, IA, his brother Dail (Maxine) Whiteley of Corydon, IA, five Grandchildren, Jennifer Pierce of Perry, IA, David Wilcox of Des Moines, IA, Jill (Jim) Carollo of Allen, TX, Roxanne Wilcox of Davenport, IA, and Michael Wilcox of Scranton, IA. Five Great Grandchildren, Katie Humpal, Dalton Humpal, Emma Humpal, Breanna Carollo, and Parker Pierce. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews, other family, and many friends.

Jr’s body was cremated and no services are planned per his wishes. Memorials may be sent to Geneva Whiteley at 12432 K Drive, Perry, IA 50220

Comments



“ Dear Aunt Geneva, cousins Peggy & Terry & your families~ As difficult as it is, we must remember that love never dies, hold onto all of the precious memories. Sometimes they may make you cry & other times they make you laugh. Just know they are always with you no matter what.

May God Bless you & your families & keep all of you in his ever- lasting arms. May your faith & precious memories help ease the pain & give you strength & peace. And remember Uncle Jr will still walk beside his loved ones, only unheard & unseen, as Heaven is now his home.

Sending our love & many hugs,
Jeff & Cindy



Cindy Stewart - January 16, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ Wonderful neighbor . So, sorry for your lost . Hugs to your mom



Lori and Oscar mercado - January 15, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ I too have many good memories of my favorite uncle Jr. when growing up. He would let me steer Grandpa Whiteley's old B John Deere back in the day the 50's. We played catch with a baseball a lot when together. Now I don't remember him ever giving me any golf lessons but he may have, I loved golf in my mid years. I remember our 2 families getting together on Sundays for dinner, ever so often. And one Sunday morning Jr. came out to the farm and picked my older brother and myself up about 4 AM and we went fishing at the Allerton dam for that days dinner at their house. Well, guess what, we did not catch enough fish to feed both family's so we stopped at the store uptown to pick up enough for all of us. Back in the day when

Jr. managed Place's uptown, I would stop in to see him, he usually gave me a pop in the back room and always talked Baseball with me. The one main thing I remember about him, was it seemed he always had a flat tooth pick in the corner of his mouth, chewing away while talking, always got a kick out of that. We all met at Grandma's on Christmas Day always for dinner and presents. My brother and I always thought Jr. wanted a son also to play with like he did with us.

He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him, but like sis said, he is in a good place now, preparing for his lovely wife someday down the road.

We want Geneva and Peggy and Terry all to know how much we love them and wish nothing more than the best for them and their families here on out. God Bless All Of you, Joan and Ron

Ron Whiteley - January 14, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ Dear Geneva, Peg, Terry and families,

I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Jr. throughout my own life beginning at a very young age. On one of my brief stays with his family he so patiently tried to teach me how to play golf, but sadly it didn't "take" as I was never very good at the game. He was always upbeat and his caring encouragement during tough or sad times in my life and a wonderful hug could always be counted on from my favorite Uncle. After visiting him in the hospitals this fall, I realized that he was so ill and ready to go to heaven to be with his family once again. I am sure they are all celebrating his arrival and he will finally get to know his baby sister. We will miss celebrating with him for his 91st birthday along with his older brother, Dail and nephew Mike all of whom were born on the 31st of January making the celebration unique. Knowing he is finally at peace and in God's hands eases the pain of his loss. We will miss him greatly and you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Donna and Thierry

Donna Amice - January 14, 2019 at 01:27 PM