



Everett Whitnel

March 29, 1942 - January 12, 2024

Everett Whitnel, age 81 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Friday morning, January 12, 2024, at 4:59 A.M. at the Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Metropolis, Illinois.

Everett was born March 29, 1942 in the West Eden community in Johnson County Illinois. He was the son of Wayne and Helen (Taylor) Whitnel.

On December 20, 1962, Everett was united in marriage to Marilyn Evans at the First Christian Church in Vienna. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Everett is survived by: a daughter – Tina (her husband, Glenn) Stroud of Toledo, Illinois; a son – Sean (his wife, Falon) Whitnel of Vienna, Illinois; 7 grandchildren – Travis Stroud, Jake (his wife, Haley) Stroud, Owen Whitnel, Paycee Whitnel, Shiloh Whitnel, Cash Whitnel, and Kolt Dallas Whitnel; 4 great grandchildren – Lottie, Walyn, Maren, and Knox; a sister-in-law – Karen Brumley of Vienna, Illinois; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Everett was preceded in death by: an infant brother – Clarence Whitnel; 2 brothers & a sister-in-law – Harvey Whitnel and William “Bill” (Freeda Jo) Whitnel; 2 sisters & brothers-in-law – Vera (Ray) Swarzy and Margaret (Lee) Butler; and a brother-in-law – Richard Brumley.

Everett was a 1960 graduate of Vienna High School. He then attended Worsham College of Mortuary Science. Everett was a longtime Johnson County businessman and was the owner and operator of Whitnel Funeral Homes in Vienna and Goreville for many years. He served for approximately 30 years as the Johnson County Coroner.

Everett was a member and Past Master of Vienna Masonic Lodge # 150 A.F. & A.M. He also had served as a volunteer and assistant scout master for Boy Scout Troop # 41.

Everett enjoyed aviation and piloting. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol. Everett also enjoyed motorcycling and his "trike."

Everett loved visiting with family and friends, storytelling, and serving his community. He and Marilyn worshipped at the First Christian Church in Vienna.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday afternoon, January 15, 2024, at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Burial will be in the Berea Cemetery, southeast of Vienna.

Visitation will be held Monday, January 15, 2024, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Berea Cemetery, c/o Tony Mathis, 2096 Westview Road, Belknap, Illinois 62908.

Cemetery Details

Berea Cemetery

Berea Church Road
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Bailey Funeral Home - January 15, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ *Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Jerry Hawkins - February 03, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Bobby Rentfro - January 20, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ *Praying for the family they mean the world to us God Bless*

Ron & Sharon McNichols - January 20, 2024 at 04:28 PM

JW

“ Today, January 18, 2024, we learned of Everett’s passing. Everett was a neighbor in (Judge’s) youth and a friend. We extend our deepest condolences to the family. Judge (Ret.) James R. and Deborah Williamson.

Judge James R. and Deborah Williamson - January 18, 2024 at 06:12 PM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Tina and all your family.



Carol & Randy George - January 18, 2024 at 04:24 PM

JE

“ Condolences to Brent, Rochelle and his family.

James & Marita Estes - January 17, 2024 at 09:37 AM

GB

“ Gloria Bydalek lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



Gloria Bydalek - January 16, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JM

“Marilyn, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids. I have been friends with him since I was a kid. He was a great funeral director and most of all he was a character. Thinking of you.

*Jason Meyer and Family
Meyer Funeral Homes - Newton - Greenup - Dieterich - Olney
Jasper County Coroner*

Jason Meyer - January 15, 2024 at 08:51 PM

RS

“Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



Richard & Vickey Swiney - January 15, 2024 at 08:23 PM

LC

“Dianna and I were saddened to hear of your loss. Everett was a special guy. And will be greatly missed. Praying he your family during this difficult time.

Larry Choate - January 15, 2024 at 10:36 AM

DH

“David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



David and Ellen Hill - January 15, 2024 at 09:41 AM

RN

“ Everett always comforted everyone in their time of need! He was such a great person!



Regina Flick Nix - January 15, 2024 at 09:07 AM

DG

“ I know Everett since 1969. He always had a joke or a story to tell. He and Bertis McBride always kept me laughing. He will be missed.

David Gillespie - January 14, 2024 at 07:06 PM

DG

“ David And Bonnie Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



David and Bonnie Gillespie - January 14, 2024 at 06:50 PM

DG

We thought a lot of Everett. He always had a joke to tell or a story. I've knew since 1969.

David and Bonnie Gillespie - January 14, 2024 at 06:53 PM

JB

“ Jim And Linda Biethman lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



Jim and Linda Biethman - January 14, 2024 at 11:03 AM

DP

“ *Dave And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Dave and Pat Prewitt - January 14, 2024 at 01:35 AM

FH

“ *Frederick And Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Frederick and Betty Heaton - January 13, 2024 at 07:51 PM

LA

“ *So many of my childhood memories include Everett and Marilyn. Great memories and I have always been thankful for their friendship with my parents. Everett, always quick with a joke and a smile. Prayers for Marilyn, Tina and Sean*

Liz Briddick Adams - January 13, 2024 at 06:33 PM

VE

“ *Everett and I attended Vienna high school together and I remember when he shined shoes at the local barbershop while I worked at Cate's grocery store on the Square. We graduated together from Vienna high and went on to SIU for our freshman year and we both stayed at the Mason Dixon house which was an off-campus dorm. I got to see Everett and His wife, Marilyn a few times at our class reunions and at a ball game or two. He was a very good friend and I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Vince Ethridge - January 13, 2024 at 01:48 PM

RM

“ Roger McBride lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel



Roger McBride - January 13, 2024 at 12:32 PM

CF

“ Thoughts and prayers with the family at this
time of your loss.



c Joan Faulkner - January 13, 2024 at 11:55 AM

BC

“ Bob and Kim Collins



Bob and Kim Collins - January 13, 2024 at 11:22 AM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel



Elizabeth Kerley - January 13, 2024 at 11:08 AM

WB

“ *Wm&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel*



Wm&Nancy Belford - January 13, 2024 at 08:56 AM

DC

“ *Don Campbell lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel*



Don Campbell - January 13, 2024 at 07:34 AM

JT

“ *Jerry And Ann Toler lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel*



Jerry and Ann Toler - January 12, 2024 at 09:56 PM

JF

“ *Jim And Ruth Flanagan lit a candle in
memory of Everett Whitnel*



Jim and Ruth Flanagan - January 12, 2024 at 09:51 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel



Vicki Eastwood - January 12, 2024 at 09:05 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Everett
Whitnel



Cheryl Harris - January 12, 2024 at 09:01 PM

BM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Brenda McCall - January 12, 2024 at 08:59 PM

DE

“ Debbie(Stevens)Poe lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel



Debbie(Stevens)Poe - January 12, 2024 at 08:21 PM

DG

I knew Everett since 1969. He always had a joke or story to tell. He and Bertis McBride always kept me laughing. He will be missed.

David and Bonnie Gillespie - January 14, 2024 at 06:59 PM

MH

“ *Michael Hogue lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Michael Hogue - January 12, 2024 at 07:10 PM

DM

“ *RIP Everett. I have great memories of all the hours that you, Claude, Jim, Larry and myself spent in the air in our Cessna N9587V. Also in CAP airplanes. Our prayers and sympathy to your family. Donnie & Jolene Morris*

Donnie and Jolene Morris - January 12, 2024 at 07:03 PM

MH

“ *He was one of the Best men I've ever known as, and a really great friend to our family. Rest in peace my friend. Prayers to all the family.*

Mike Henson - January 12, 2024 at 06:44 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Mike and Nancy Solomon - January 12, 2024 at 06:36 PM

ML

Tina so sorry for your loss I always liked your dad he was a good man. Prayers for the family.

Mike lingle - January 13, 2024 at 12:07 PM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Karen Brumley - January 12, 2024 at 05:34 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Mary Lou Hynes - January 12, 2024 at 05:32 PM

MP

“ *Everett was a true friend to the citizens of Johnson County for many years. He had a way of putting people at ease. He will be missed greatly.*



Matthew Prewitt - January 12, 2024 at 03:48 PM

SG

“ Everett always had a big smile & enjoyed talking. He was a good guy. Marilyn I'm sorry for your loss.



Sondra Goins - January 12, 2024 at 03:39 PM

SC

“ Sarena Campbell lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



Sarena Campbell - January 12, 2024 at 03:26 PM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



Bobby Rentfro - January 12, 2024 at 02:57 PM

MM

“ So many memories with Everett. He was such a funny man and always made you feel at ease in such a sad time. Prayers to the family.

Mary Jo Mason - January 12, 2024 at 02:40 PM

CW

“ *Carmen Wells lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel*



Carmen Wells - January 12, 2024 at 01:38 PM

SH

“ *From our family to yours. You're in our
thoughts and prayers. Mr. Whitnal was always
a kinda man. He was a great funeral director.
I remember going to lots of funerals there.*



Shawn - January 12, 2024 at 12:55 PM

WF

“ *Sympathy and prayers offered for the family's
loss.*



Wanda Florey - January 12, 2024 at 12:35 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel*



Teresa Richerson - January 12, 2024 at 12:26 PM

DH

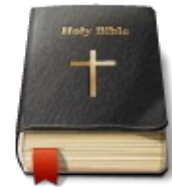
“ Dallas And Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Everett Whitnel



Dallas and Charlene Harner - January 12, 2024 at 12:18 PM

CW

“ Clearon & Jane Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Everett Whitnel



Clearon & Jane Wright - January 12, 2024 at 11:47 AM

CW

*Sending our sympathy and prayers to the family. Everett was a good friend and will be missed.
Clearon and Jane (Ross) Wright.*

Clearon & Jane Wright - January 12, 2024 at 11:50 AM

EA

“ Ed And Diane Annable lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



Ed and Diane Annable - January 12, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Carol Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Carol Bryant - January 12, 2024 at 11:16 AM

DB

“ *So very sorry to hear of this. Prayers for the family*



Dorothy Bacon - January 12, 2024 at 10:47 AM

DR

“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Diane Rainbolt - January 12, 2024 at 10:46 AM

DS

“ *Dale Schierbaum lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



dale schierbaum - January 12, 2024 at 10:44 AM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel*



Barbara Jeffress - January 12, 2024 at 10:40 AM

AW

“ *Aleatha Wright lit a candle in memory of
Everett Whitnel*



Aleatha Wright - January 12, 2024 at 10:36 AM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in
memory of Everett Whitnel*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - January 12, 2024 at 09:56 AM

LM

long time friend,,,,rip everett..N9587V

Larry and Carolyn McGill - January 12, 2024 at 09:58 AM

FH

“ Frederick And Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



Frederick and Betty Heaton - January 12, 2024 at 09:54 AM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss of a very special person.

Marilyn Berry - January 12, 2024 at 09:36 AM

NB

“ Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



Nancy Breeden - January 12, 2024 at 09:26 AM

DM

“ Doug Mathis lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel



Doug Mathis - January 12, 2024 at 09:24 AM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



John Slack - January 12, 2024 at 09:11 AM

TM

“ *Prayers for all the family. Our family really appreciated Everett for his friendship and for his services.*



Tom and Carmen Murrie - January 12, 2024 at 09:02 AM

EH

“ *Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Ernie Henshaw - January 12, 2024 at 08:13 AM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Everett Whitnel*



Linda Koehler - January 12, 2024 at 07:58 AM