



Timothy Whatley

November 4, 1958 - January 13, 2024

Timothy “Otis” Whatley, age 65 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away unexpectedly Saturday morning, January 13, 2024, at 9:55 A.M. at Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, Illinois.

Tim was born November 4, 1958 in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Tim was united in marriage to Shelly Kotschi on October 11, 2013 in Vienna, Illinois. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Tim is survived by: 2 sons – Stephan Whatley of Paducah, Kentucky and Markus (Chloe) Whatley of Colorado Springs, Colorado; 3 daughters – Taylor (Josh) Chromek of Sycamore, Illinois, Brianne (Joe Blevens) Kotschi of Vienna, Illinois and Marissa Kotschi of Vienna, Illinois; 7 grandchildren – Kaleb, Karsen, Daphne and Isla Whatley, Isabella, Rosalie, and Mavis Chromek; a niece – Amanda Henderson; a nephew – Woody Karpik; a dear friend & brother-in-law – Rich Centkowski of Vienna, Illinois; his special buddy, Liam, who he shared a strong bond with; as well as beloved cousins whom Tim thought of as siblings, Theresa, Janice, and Chris.

In addition to his parents, Tim was preceded in death by: a sister – Virginia “Ginny” Henderson and a brother – Leon Whatley, Jr.

Tim served from 1979 – 1992 in the U.S. Army. During his term of service, Tim served as a driving instructor, firearms training instructor and chauffeur. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Following his military service, Tim continued his work as a civilian employee of the U.S. Army until his retirement.

Tim loved music. Among his favorite artists were James Brown and Johnny Cash. He also enjoyed fishing. Tim liked to play golf on his Xbox. He was a football enthusiast and fan of the New Orleans Saints.

A private service will be conducted.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or online at www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Timothy Whatley*



Bailey Funeral Home - January 17, 2024 at 04:52 PM

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“ *Miss my best friend every single day*

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“ *RIP Tim. Playing 'the red headed stranger's by Willie for you*

Angelika Whatley - January 14, 2024 at 09:31 PM

JC

“ *My heart is broken for Shelly, Tim and Shelly were my favorite people to see every day. Tim always had a smile and funny stories. I'm going to miss him dearly. God bless you and fly high Sarge*



Joany Cook - January 14, 2024 at 08:12 PM

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“ *Chrissy Bartley lit a candle in memory of Timothy Whatley*



Chrissy Bartley - January 14, 2024 at 02:57 PM

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“ *Angie Street lit a candle in memory of Timothy Whatley*



Angie Street - January 14, 2024 at 02:30 PM