



James Michael Whaley

January 13, 1952 - November 2, 2019

James Michael Whaley, 67, of Falmouth, KY, passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at the Harrison Memorial Hospital in Cynthiana. Born on January 13, 1952 in Covington, KY, he was the son of the late Floyd Newton “Newt” Whaley and Wanda Lou Galloway Whaley. On August 5, 1978, he married Debbie Ammerman, his dear wife survives his passing.

A 1970 graduate of Pendleton High School, Mike and his wife Debbie have owned and operated Whaley Realty & Auctions since 1982. Receiving his first guitar at age 6 fostered a love of music and a gift of playing by ear that spanned his entire lifetime. Over the years, he started playing the piano and the banjo as well. Mike shared his gifts and talents in untold ways. In the last chapter of his life, he especially found comfort in playing gospel music and he was “right at home” sitting on the piano bench at First Baptist Church in Falmouth, with his church family. Mike had a special connection with his horses and his dogs.

In addition to his wife of 41 years, Debbie, he is survived by two dearly loved daughters: Marcie Vaske (Ray J.) of Lexington, KY and Kelsie Stegman (Ryan) of Falmouth, KY ; 6 grandchildren, who were the lights of his life: Joseph, Avarie, Matthew, and Gracie Vaske; Whaley James and Whitley Stegman; and a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, November 8, 2019 at Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, with Bro. Harry Crozier officiating. The visitations will be from 3-8 pm on Thursday, November 7, 2019 and from 10-11

am on Friday, at the funeral home preceding the service. Interment will take place in the Riverside Cemetery, Falmouth. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church: 402 Beech Street, Falmouth, KY 41040.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

409 Ridgeway Avenue
Falmouth, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Woodhead Funeral Homes, Memorials & Cremation Service - Falmouth
310 W. Shelby Street
Falmouth, KY 41040
(859) 654-3306
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Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Michael Whaley.*



November 06, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of James Michael Whaley.*



November 06, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ *Debbie,
Steve and I am so sorry to hear about Mike. He was a great guy. If there is anything we can do for you, just let us know. You and the family are in our prayers. God Bless.*

Mae Sorrell - November 06, 2019 at 12:38 AM



“ *Mike's family moved to Pendleton co. in 1964. Mike started to attend 7th grade that year at Morgan. We had an assembly program and this new guy got on stage with a guitar and sang "Detroit City." I also learned how to play pocket book with Mike, but that is a story for another day.*

Dale Conrad - November 05, 2019 at 03:20 PM

TA

“ *Tim Antrobus purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Michael Whaley.*



Tim Antrobus - November 05, 2019 at 11:45 AM

JC

“ *We were high school classmates, we served together on Falmouth City Council and shared lots of laughs over the years. I had a great deal of respect for his business acumen and highly ethical approach to community service and life in general. He was the consummate entertainer who did a remarkable imitation of Elvis and I was fortunate enough to see him perform on numerous occasions.*

I was honored to be asked on several occasions to photograph his family which brings me to one of my most memorable moments with Mike. I was shooting his daughter, Kelsie, for her engagement session. We were all over the farm shooting in various locations with Mike holding my lighting equipment in position. At one point, the Model T was produced and the session went to a "Bonnie & Clyde" motif. When the shotgun came out I suggested a shot with him giving some "sage" advice to his son in law to be. We all laughed so hard we had tears in our eyes. The caption for the shot was, "Boy...I say BOY! Let me give you some advice afore you go and marry my daughter.....you listening?!"

I'm sure gonna miss this guy!



Jeff Carson - November 04, 2019 at 08:13 PM

PF

“ Never saw him without a grin. Always had a minute to say hello.
May God give you serenity and peace during this tough time.
Heaven has gained an angel.

Pati Fields - November 04, 2019 at 07:31 PM

BL

“ Debbie, may God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult
time.
Bev Bishop Lind.

Beverly Bishop Lind - November 04, 2019 at 04:47 PM

KT

“ Always enjoyed morning chats with Mike when I had my salon in
Falmouth...he always greeted you with a big smile...deepest
sympathy to you and your family...

Kathy Thomas - November 04, 2019 at 04:47 PM

CE

“ Debbie. I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. You and your family are in
my prayers.

Cindy Eisenman (Cox)

Cindy Eisenman - November 04, 2019 at 04:41 PM

DA

“ Ray & Marcie, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your father.
I know he was a wonderful man. Sherri and I are praying for your
family. -Daniel Ausbun

Daniel Ausbun - November 04, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Michael Whaley.



November 04, 2019 at 02:45 PM