



## David Whitis

September 20, 1946 - February 14, 2026

David D. "Dave" Whitis, 79, of Plainfield, and formerly of Fortville, left this world unexpectedly on Saturday, February 14, 2026, while in the care of Community East Hospital. He was born in Somerset, KY on September 20, 1946, to the late Evan "Freeman" Whitis and Irma (Raney) Willoughby.

Drafted into the United States Marine Corps as a young man, Dave spent thirteen months stationed in Vietnam. Upon his return stateside, he met the love of his life and future wife, Barbara, at a local drugstore soda fountain. She sat down next to the handsome Marine who was dressed in uniform, and they struck up a conversation. The pair fell fast in love and were married on February 22, 1969, and brought their one and only daughter, Sherry, into the world.

Originally, a self-employed truck driver, Dave was a motorcycle enthusiast at heart and reveled in riding his prized 900 Kawasaki (that he parked in the kitchen), and later his Honda Goldwing. Mechanically gifted, he worked at AAA Motorcycle. He loved animals, fishing, and was most proud to be a father and grandfather. He taught his daughter many lessons in life and was always her biggest hero. Respectful, down-to-earth, humble, and kind, he was a hero in the eyes of those who loved him the most. A huge storyteller, Dave liked popping off with a good joke, ensuring big laughs from his audience. The best husband, father, and grandfather anyone could ask for, he was patient and

wise beyond his years. Saved just a week before his passing, Dave's soul will rest eternally in Heaven. Although gone from the home, his memory will reside in the hearts of all that knew and loved him.

Along with his parents, Dave was preceded in death by his stepfather, Albert Willoughby, and siblings, Forrest Whitis, William "Billy" Whitis, and Timothy "Tim" Whitis.

He leaves behind his best friend and wife of just shy of 57 years, Barbara Whitis of Plainfield, and formerly of Fortville; daddy's girl, Sherry Clark (Tim) of Plainfield; grandsons, Bryce Clark (significant other, Megan) of Mooresville, and Brennan Clark (significant other, Valerie) of Gosport; sister in law, Gail Whitis of Fortville; canine companion, Rosie; as well as several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 11:00am until 2:00 pm at the funeral home, with Military Honors beginning at 2:00pm. A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 2:00pm, and burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall with full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made by mail to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel, 585 E Main St, Monrovia, IN 46157, or by clicking [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=SVESLMFA8PBUA](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=SVESLMFA8PBUA). To share a favorite story, sign the online guest registry or light a candle in Dave's memory, please visit his tribute page at [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall

5409 W. Hurt Road  
Monrovia, IN 46157

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Military Walk-Through

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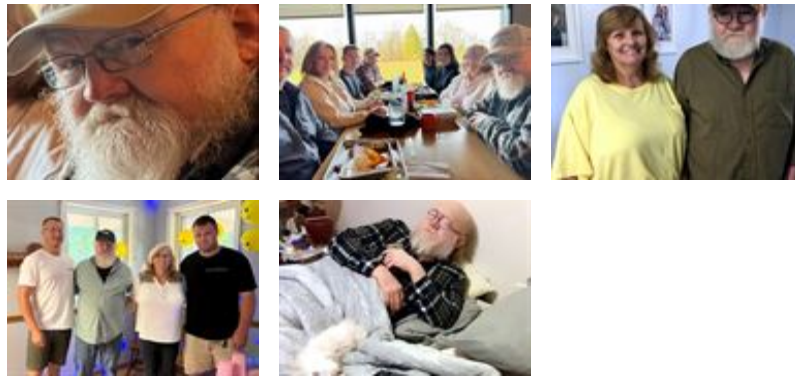
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# Tribute Wall



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - February 20 at 10:47 AM

BB

“ Bryce & Brennan purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of David Whitis.



Bryce & Brennan - February 19 at 09:34 PM

RE

“ Sherry was a best friend growing up and I remember one night as we sat at the kitchen table I was maybe 14 or 15. Me and Dave making Wheatie balls to go fishing in Cicero with sherry and Barb. We sat up all night fishing for big catfish and he introduced me to making coffee on a fire with a pot of water and coffee grounds in the bottom of the pot. Had no sugar or cream. He said was for sissy's. That's when I began my love for coffee ❤️.

Renee - February 19 at 09:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Whitis.*



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February 19 at 08:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Whitis.*



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February 19 at 12:14 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Whitis.*

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