



## Melvin W. Whitman

October 10, 1945 - November 1, 2019

Melvin W. Whitman, husband and best friend of Linda [Walker] Whitman, died suddenly on Friday, November 1, 2019 from injuries sustained in an accident. He was 74 years old. Mel was born the son of Clifton G. and Mildred E. [Sweet] Whitman on October 10, 1945 in Gloversville, New York.

Mel was a graduate of Mayfield Central School, served as a Seaman and Shellback on the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1971 receiving medals for service in Vietnam, was a passionate family man, enjoyed hunting and all things outdoors and most of all helping anyone and everyone he could. Mel passed while doing something he loved.

Mel was employed at General Electric in Schenectady for 18 years, worked for Perham's Farm and lastly was employed for the Town of Edinburg Highway Department from where he retired.

Mel is survived by his wife Linda, whom he married on March 20, 1992; daughter Bonnie McClarren (Richard) of The Colony, TX; son Keith Whitman (Jackie) of Edinburg, NY; son Kasey Whitman (Kellie) of Ticonderoga, NY; nine grandchildren Nicholas and Zoey Whitman, Cameron and Collin McClarren, Anna and Sarah Whitman, Katirina, Alyssa and Brittany Palmateer; two great-grandchildren Emily Whitman and Dayton Palmateer. Other survivors include niece Aubrey Allen, nephew Kristoffer Page, seven siblings, numerous additional nieces nephews and cousins and too many close friends to count. Of special note are his sister Sharon Sweet, his brother Maynard Whitman and cousin Dan Warner. Maynard and Dan were Mel's life-long best friends.

In keeping with Mel's wishes there will be no calling hours or funeral service. A reception to celebrate Mel's life will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at the home of Keith and Jackie Whitman, 166 Military Road, Edinburg, NY beginning at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Edinburg Volunteer Fire

Department & EMS. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Northville Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.northvillefuneralservice.com](http://www.northvillefuneralservice.com).

# Events

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Celebration of Life

02:00PM

Family Home

NY, US

# Comments

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“ Kate Williams-Yaddaw lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Kate Williams-Yaddaw** - November 14, 2019 at 10:17 PM

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“ Linda, Keith and family our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



**Deborah Wilson** - November 05, 2019 at 02:50 PM

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“ Keith, Linda and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Darlene Bornt** - November 04, 2019 at 10:57 PM

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“ Our hearts are with your family. Melvin is one of the best and will not be forgotten.



**Vicki Morgan** - November 04, 2019 at 10:19 PM

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“ Dear Linda, I'm sending my Most Sincere Condolences in the sudden loss of Melvin!  
May he Rest in Peace!



**Una** - November 04, 2019 at 07:03 PM

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“ Doug lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Doug** - November 04, 2019 at 06:08 PM

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“ Doug lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Doug** - November 04, 2019 at 05:29 PM

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“ To Melvin's immediate and extended family.....

As Melvin's cousin.....I remember lots of fun, work.....and yes...shenanigans at the family farm growing up. Bike racing, sledding 'up back' and avoiding Summer Bible School by pretending to search for a 'mysterious missing cow' come to mind.

My kindest thoughts to the whole family.  
"Cousin Eddie"

Dean Edwards

Dean Edwards - November 04, 2019 at 02:09 PM

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“ Keith and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I remember him as being so kind and so funny. Sending much love and light.  
Lori DeVoe

Lori A DeVoe - November 04, 2019 at 01:38 PM

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“ Dear Linda, I am so very sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Love and prayers to you and your family.  
Love your cousin, Toni



Antoinette Kearney - November 04, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ As someone who only met this lovely man last year...I am heartbroken. He was... and now really is...an angel. I am so grateful to have met and gotten to know this wonderful, kind human being. Your love story will ensure. Linda, you will always be a part of our life. We will never forget.

Love you. RIP Melvin.

Jean guiry - November 10, 2019 at 09:42 AM

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“ I met Mel many years ago.I was driving past his home one summer evening. He had his truck backed up by the barn and was feverishly tossing bales of hay into the loft, then climbing into the loft to stack them, trying to beat the approaching thunderstorm. I didn't know him yet, but I DID know that the hay needed to get under cover, and QUICK! As a country neighbor,I pulled in and joined the fun. When we had about ten bales left to go, the skies let loose. Afterward, Mel climbed down from the loft, and with that wide grin, he vigorously shook my hand. We sat on the tailgate of his truck in the pouring rain and enjoyed a well-earned cold beverage and got to know one another From that day on, Mel was no longer just a neighbor, but a great friend as well.

It has been a privilege and an honor to be friend to Mel and his family! I will miss him.

Art Taylor

Art Taylor - November 04, 2019 at 11:53 AM

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“ Linda, Aubrey and family, I am so saddened to hear of this sad news. Mel was a wonderful man and husband. I will keep you in my prayers ! May God bless you  
Diane rudolph

diane rudolph - November 04, 2019 at 10:42 AM

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“ Linda and family so sorry to here about Mel, He was a good friend and Co worker He will be truly missed by all that knew him. May God give you comfort and peace in the days ahead. Bill and Deb.



william ostrander - November 04, 2019 at 09:55 AM

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“ Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**donna wood** - November 04, 2019 at 07:12 AM

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“ Sheila lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Sheila** - November 04, 2019 at 06:45 AM

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“ Coleen Edwards lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Coleen Edwards** - November 04, 2019 at 06:22 AM

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“ Norm & Brenda Barton lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Norm & Brenda Barton** - November 04, 2019 at 06:17 AM

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“ Terese Pollard lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Terese Pollard** - November 04, 2019 at 05:12 AM

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“ Justin Sitterly lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Justin Sitterly** - November 04, 2019 at 04:53 AM

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“ Linda and Mel's family, So sorry to hear of Mel's passing I know how much you all loved him and will be so lost without him. May he rest in Peace  
Love, Connie & Bob Gage



**CONNIE GAGE** - November 04, 2019 at 04:49 AM

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“ Rebecca Gonyea lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Rebecca Gonyea** - November 04, 2019 at 12:53 AM

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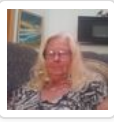


“ Gail & Bim lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Gail & Bim** - November 03, 2019 at 09:52 PM

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“ Susan Chiellot lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Susan Chiellot** - November 03, 2019 at 09:01 PM

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“ Can't say enough about this guy. He surely will be missed by all. Hunting camp won;t be the same without you Mel. If there was a deer with you're name on it, Dan will get it for you, for sure. Many good memories. Love and prayers to the family

**Susan** - November 03, 2019 at 09:12 PM

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“ Shelley DeLong lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Shelley DeLong** - November 03, 2019 at 08:41 PM

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“ Sharon & family of Melvin, So very sorry for your loss. Sincere sympathy, along with thoughts and prayers go out to you.

**Carol Sweet** - November 03, 2019 at 07:23 PM

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“ Amy Bailey lit a candle in memory of Melvin W. Whitman



**Amy Bailey** - November 03, 2019 at 07:19 PM