



Richard Edward Whatley

June 4, 1944 - February 13, 2022

Richard Edward Whatley passed away peacefully at home on February 13, 2022, and went to be with his Lord at the age of 77. He is predeceased by his parents, Harmon Michael Whatley, Sr. and Billie Ellis Whatley. Richard leaves his loving wife of 54 years, Gloria Cason Whatley. He will be missed by both daughters, Wendy Kerins Renda (Mark) and Rebecca Whatley Ferguson. Richard, also known as Papa, will be missed by his grandchildren, Katie Whatley Steinmetz (Andrew), Richard Carmino Giarrusso (Brittany), Nathan Todd Ferguson (Ashton), Jacob Michael Kerins, Allison Catherine Kerins, Michael Renda (Karson), Joseph Nicholas Renda, and Catherine Ann Renda. Papa also had four great grandchildren, Kayden Horton, Shiloh Shipman, Riley Grace Ferguson, and Sophia Wren Giarrusso. Richard is survived by his brothers, Harmon Michael Whatley, Jr. (Joy) and Thomas Warren Whatley (Lavenia).

Richard graduated from Woodlawn High School, Class of 1964. He served as a Military Policeman in the National Guard and worked for General Electric and Walker Drug Company in Irondale for many years. Richard loved watching Alabama Football, fishing, gardening, bird-watching, and the beach, but most of all, he loved spending time with his wife, Gloria, his daughters and grandkids, and his cat, Yoko.

Richard's funeral mass will be held at Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church,

8090 Gadsden Hwy, Trussville, AL 35173, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2022. Visitation for family and friends will be held before mass, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Richard's burial will follow the service at Jefferson Memorial Gardens on Gadsden Hwy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Vincent's DePaul Society at Holy Infant of Prague.

Masks are recommended inside the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Infant of Prague
8090 Gadsden Hwy
Trussville, AL 35173

Funeral Mass

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ I didn't get the chance to say goodbye to this friend and loving man. I'm so sad about his passing. He had the biggest heart and lived everyone. Miss you Bug Rich love you more...heartbroken. love Perry Capurro

Perry J Capurro - April 05, 2025 at 07:36 PM

PC

“ Richard and I worked at Somerby at University Park in security and Publix. He saved my life when I was choking at waffle house. He was a kind gentle soul and great love for his family I'm sad to hear of his passing...did Captain Pat Bailey die too?...My deepest condolences and sympathy. Perry Capurro pcapurro3@gmail.com



Perry Jerome Capurro - February 22, 2025 at 09:39 PM

IM

“ In loving memory purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Richard Edward Whatley.



In loving memory - February 18, 2022 at 12:58 PM

FF

“ *Florida Folks purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard Edward Whatley.*



Florida Folks - February 17, 2022 at 05:17 PM