



George Richard "Dick" Whitman

August 2, 2015

George Richard "Dick" Whitman, age 69, of St. Albans passed away peacefully Sunday August 2, 2015 at home with his wife by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Lucy Whitman of St. Albans.

Dick was a 1964 graduate of St. Albans High School, where he earned All-State honors in baseball, basketball, football and track. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia University. He played football all four years at WVU as defensive back.

Dick had a long career with the Kanawha County School system as a teacher and coach. He coached at Dupont High School where he won consecutive state championships and retired from Riverside High School. He is the most successful football coach in Kanawha county. Recently the St. Albans Little League season was dedicated to the Whitmans.

Dick spent his summers doing construction with lifelong friend Donnie Lerosé.

Dick was an avid golfer and loved spending time with his family on the Greenbrier River.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years Sharon; son Rick and daughter-in-law Jessica and their children Drew, Avery and Jackson and son Jeff and daughter-in-law, Mandy and their children Kaylee and Maci. Also surviving is his brother Gordon Lee and wife Christina and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by family friends, and former players he was privileged to coach.

Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Wednesday at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00pm Thursday August 6, 2015 at St. Peters United Methodist Church, 2601 Forrestal Avenue, St. Albans. Entombment will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share memories or to express condolences.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Whitman family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325
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<http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Peters United Methodist Church
2601 Forrestal Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

Tribute Wall



“ George Richard "Dick" Whitman

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.

Kan. Co. Retired School Employees - August 12, 2015 at 09:56 PM



“ I wanted to express my dearest sympathy to the Whitman Family. Dick and I were on several athletic teams at St. Albans and were classmates as well. He always amazed me with the natural abilities he had. I often caught myself in awe just watching him while we were on the court the same time. I know he will be greatly missed by the family as well as the countless young men he coached. Really sorry I could not be there would have liked to give my regrets in person. The Dale Carter Family

Dale Carter - August 06, 2015 at 03:26 PM

FB

“ Dick was not only one of the best athletes to come out of the Kanawha Valley he was the most fierce competitor I ever played against. His skill and abilities combined with his competitiveness made him one of the greatest coaches WV has ever seen.

God Bless his family and friends!

Frank Burdette

Danville, VA

Stonewall Jackson High School 1963

Frank Burdette - August 06, 2015 at 10:15 AM

MM

“ Dick was generous enough to let me stay at their greenbrier camp as I started my career at the Greenbrier resort, he never hesitated to help me out. He had a quiet confidence that was a envy to any man. Im thankful for the good times we had at the camp and at the golf course.

Sincerely

Martin "bones" Maret

martin maret - August 06, 2015 at 08:56 AM

DP

Sharon and family

I'm am so sorry to hear about Dicks death I had no idea he had been sick he was a very kind person it was such a surprise to me

I'm so very sorry

Diane Pauley

Diana Pauley - August 07, 2015 at 02:27 PM

PQ

“ *To Sharon, Rick, Jeff and the entire Family.*

Carolyn and I and are entire family send our Condolences, and will continue to keep the entire family in our thoughts and prayers. We are very saddened,,as is everyone else of the loss of Dick, one of the finest Athlete's to come out of St. Albans High School. Truly he will be missed by all.

It was my Honor to have known Dick most of my life, and to have played one Year of Babe Ruth Baseball at Boone Field and up at Coleman Field. He was the true sense of Class and everyone who met him knew that right away. He was always the same, and what a legacy he has left. I know Sharon will be comforted ,by family and friends and Dick will always be with us in our hearts.

We are sorry we cannot be at the services, for we are in Tennessee at a short family reunion, but we are with you in Spirit, and will continue the entire family in our prayers. God Bless your entire family, and the Whitman name will always resound in the Kanawha Valley.

Love to all

The entire Quinlan Family.

Pat Quinlan - August 06, 2015 at 08:28 AM

RR

“ *Played against Dick in all sports as teenagers-what an athlete! As adults got to know him, only a little, but very down to earth and friendly. My Best to the Family.*

Richie Robb

Richie Robb - August 06, 2015 at 08:11 AM

TR

“ I was am student and athlete for Coach Whitman at Hoarce Mann Jr High in the early 70's. I thought back then that he was a gigantic mountain of a man. He ever so quietly instructed me in a variety of ways. Through his leadership and devout teaching , I truly believe he pushed me in a positive way. I instantly respected him, therefore learning to respect any and all coaches and teachers. I grew up to want to coach kids, and even got the opportunity to battle with Coach Whitman in SA Little League. He is one of the reasons I still coach today. A great coach, teacher, and especially a great person.

Prayers to the Whitman Family, fro Tommy ,Linda Riggan and family

Tommy Riggan - August 06, 2015 at 06:42 AM

BP

“ Grew up admiring Dick as an athlete and friend. Respectt him more today for the humble person he was. A person' s success in life is determined by the number of people he touched. Last night hundreds of people from all walks of life paid their respects to him and his family. I will miss him but so pleased Dick was a part of my life. You will be missed but everyone he touched. Butch Powell SAHS class of 1964.

Butch Powell - August 06, 2015 at 02:55 AM

LM

“ Many of my fondest childhood memories are associated with Dick's backyard and basement. We used to stuff practice golf balls with rags allowing the threads to stick through the holes and play "hairy ball" in the back yard. We shot some pool and played poker in the basement. We also played electric football with painted players with numbers, lights, and a scoreboard, and tennis basketball with coat hangers for the rims and nets crocheted by our Moms. Those were great times!! Although Dick and I went our separate ways I will never forget those days. Dick was a great friend!

To his family, I am sorry for your great loss. My prayers are with you during these difficult times.

Pear Markham

Larry Pear Markham - August 05, 2015 at 09:06 PM

MR

“ I wanted to let you know about my best memory of Coach Whitman. I am a DuPont graduate Class of 1967. I have seen several coaches at DuPont & Riverside but the best was Coach Whitman. Not just because of the 2 state championships of 1992 & 1993. I was in the Emergency Room, (with some parents Vanessa & Sammy Singleton & others) after a couple of DuPont players had a wreck on Kanawha Blvd.

A local reporter, Scott Roberts hurried after Coach Whitman as he came into the ER. He was asking him how the wreck would impact Friday's game. Coach Whitman didn't stop but he told him I need to check on my kids first. That has always stood out with me as the kind of man & coach he was. Coach was more concerned about the health of the kids than Friday's game..

God Bless & Keep you
Mary Robinson

Mary Robinson - August 05, 2015 at 08:54 PM

RW

“ Moved next door to Dick when I was five, Dick was 7. Lived there until I left home at almost 20. Played together, went to school together, shared many times together: never a cross word: we were friends. Will keep many good memories. My deepest sympathies to his family. May God comfort your hearts and more so every day.
Rick Wolfe.

Rick Wolfe - August 05, 2015 at 12:04 PM

PH

“ Dear Sharon, Ging, Rick, and Family,
I am one of the Greenbrier County cousins. I am so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Gordon and my father, Paul White, were close, and we saw a lot of them when we were children, before we all grew up and life got more complicated. I still have a Christmas card ornament that Dick sent to me when we were kids. It goes on our tree every year. Please accept my deepest sympathy.
Sincerely, Paula Faye White Humen and family

paula Humen - August 05, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Richard "Dick" Whitman.



August 04, 2015 at 10:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Richard "Dick" Whitman.



August 04, 2015 at 08:00 PM

BE

“ Dick was one of my best friends growing up. I never saw with a bad attitude. I had the opportunity to be on 2 State Baseball Championships teams with Dick. He was one of the best 3rd Basemen I ever played with or have seen. My condolences to his family. He will be missed.

Billy Epps

Billy Epps - August 04, 2015 at 07:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Richard "Dick" Whitman.



August 04, 2015 at 06:30 PM

DC

“ My association with Dick at Riverside High School, though brief, was a memorable one. It was memorable because he was everything his assistant coaches, his friends and his family have said about him. Even though he was a winning coach, he was the most humble of men, grounded always and solid in his positive attitude and his outlook. He was truly a "gentle giant;" a giant among men; one who all should emulate. What a man he was and what a wonderful legacy he leaves for all of us.

Dick Clendenin

Ret. Principal, Riverside High School

Dick Clendenin - August 04, 2015 at 05:19 PM

DR

“ Sharon and Rick. Please accept our condolences and prayers in your loss. Dick was a well respected man and will be sadly missed. God Bless each of you during this time.

Debbie and Don Robinson

Don Robinson - August 04, 2015 at 02:09 PM

JB

“ To Sharon and family,
We are very sorry for your loss.
Love,
Jill and Bob Brown

Jill Brown - August 04, 2015 at 01:54 PM

LM

“ May the peace of God provide comfort for you all now and forever.

LMM - August 04, 2015 at 11:28 AM

YW

“ You will be missed, Brenda & Warren purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Richard "Dick" Whitman.



You will be missed, Brenda & Warren - August 04, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mike and Sally Murphy



Sally Murphy - August 04, 2015 at 07:55 AM

DC

“ We will miss Dick here in Keister. He always took such joy in his family, friends, and the beauty of his camp and the river. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Much love, Tom, Deborah, and Christy Cullen

Deborah Cullen - August 04, 2015 at 05:43 AM

WF

“ With Love, The Mayes Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Richard "Dick" Whitman.



With Love, The Mayes Family - August 03, 2015 at 04:28 PM

PP

“ Patricia Phelps Plumley lit a candle in memory of George Richard "Dick" Whitman



Patricia Phelps Plumley - August 03, 2015 at 03:37 PM

AM

“ *Angela Mayes lit a candle in memory of George Richard "Dick" Whitman*



Angela Mayes - August 03, 2015 at 03:16 PM

BW

You were a joy to be around and we will greatly miss you.

With love,

Brenda and Warren

Brenda & Warren - August 04, 2015 at 09:45 AM

TF

“ *Please accept our very deepest sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

the Hypes family - August 03, 2015 at 05:27 AM

AM

The Mayes Family sends our sympathies. We are all so sad to hear of Dick's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*With Love,
The Mayes Family*

Angela Mayes - August 03, 2015 at 03:18 PM

AC

Sorry for your loss. Dick was a old friend from SAHS. Bob Conley 61. Your family is in our prayers. Ann Meredith Conley

Ann Meredith Conley - August 05, 2015 at 04:31 PM



Great Man, Great Teammate, Great Mountaineer.....

May the Peace of Christ be with our brother Mountaineer.

All your former Football Brothers at WVU.

Kuce - August 06, 2015 at 11:08 AM