



Stephen Ford Whaley

July 13, 1943 - August 25, 2013

Stephen Ford Whaley, 70, of Scott Depot, passed away August 25, 2013 at Hubbard Hospice House West, South Charleston.

Steve was born July 13, 1943 and was a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School and West Virginia University. In 1962, while a student at Stonewall Jackson, he broke the state high school shot put record. While at WVU, he set the shot put record which stood from 1965-1980. Steve retired from Putnam County Schools after teaching/coaching at Hurricane High School for over 30 years.

Steve was preceded in death by his loving wife, Judith; his father, William F. Whaley and his step-father, Bill Powell.

He will be lovingly remembered by his mother, Fanna Thurston Powell; his children and their spouses, Mendy and Darin White, Cindy and Matt Christy, Lance and Kristy Whaley; his grandchildren, A.J. and Ashley White, Chase and Trey Christy and Will Whaley; step-brother and his wife, Butch and Janet Powell and step-sister, Diane Wolf.

Steve or "Whale" found great satisfaction and joy in teaching and coaching. He always found time to share a story or words of wisdom with those around him. Following retirement, Steve enjoyed golfing with friends and taking day trips with his wife. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

The family wishes to express their gratitude for the loving care provided at Hubbard Hospice House West.

Funeral service will be held at 11am Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at Chapman Funeral Home, 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane with his good friend, Jim McGehee officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston. Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Tuesday at the funeral home. To share memories or express condolences, please visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to either Hubbard Hospice House West, 4605 MacCorkle Ave., SW, South Charleston, WV 25309 or to the First Baptist Church of Hurricane, 2635 Main Street, Hurricane, WV 25526.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

4301 MacCorkle Avenue
South Charleston, WV 25309

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane
3941 Teays Valley Road
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Ford Whaley*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I remember Steve so fondly. We were shot-put teammates at WVU where a few times we, along with "Carwash" Karwalski, placed first, second and third (me) in track meets. R.I.P. Steve.*

Mike Angstreich - June 03, 2022 at 04:24 PM

GD

“ Coach Whaley gave me the opportunity to start as a freshman on his basketball team at Hurricane. It was an opportunity that turned into 4 years of awesome memories. He taught us how to succeed on the court and in life. And if you were lucky enough, you'd get to see a side of him that wasn't obvious from the exterior--a side that was truly kind and caring. One of my favorite lessons from Coach is one that I still practice today. I'll never forget...standing on the foul line with Coach as he talked to me about "visualization." He'd say, "Close your eyes. Now, visualize. Visualize yourself standing on the line, basketball in your hands like your getting ready to shoot a foul shot. 'See' the ball going from your hands, up through the air, past the rim, and straight down through the net." Then he'd have me practice, shooting the ball, with my eyes closed. Slightly scary at first, I was amazed that it actually worked. My foul shot percentage greatly improved after that lesson, and it's something that I've been able to apply to other aspects of my life as well.

With the passing of Coach Whaley, the world lost an exceptional person. However, his lesson to me taught me to visualize what I wanted to happen. It's giving me comfort now to think of Coach in a better place, his wife, Judy, in one hand and a basketball in the other. Thank you for all that you did for us, Coach. You will be missed.

Love,

Gabby Daignault

Gabrielle Daignault - August 27, 2013 at 08:53 PM

RR

“ *The Robertson family of Hurricane sends condolences to the Steve Whaley family. There are so many memories of Steve from him teaching Becky in drivers' education to him coaching Jim. We will miss him greatly! Our prayers are with the family during this time of grief! What a wonderful friend, coach, and teacher!!!*

Rebecca Robertson - August 27, 2013 at 08:41 PM

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“ *Deborah (Debbie) Lilly (Hart) sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Ford Whaley*



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Deborah (Debbie) Lilly (Hart) - August 27, 2013 at 11:56 AM

WJ

“ *Wayne & Debbie Lilly, & Joshua lit a candle in memory of Stephen Ford Whaley*



Wayne & Debbie Lilly, & Joshua - August 27, 2013 at 11:48 AM

DL

“ There are numerous, wonderful, and memorable times my family and I will always treasure. The entire Whaley crew have been and always will be family. Coach was more than a teacher...he was a blessing and true friend. I will never forget the time he came to me after cheering at a home football game. During half time, the cheerleaders would throw footballs out in the stands to the crowd. There were also several standing on top of the press box yelling "throw one up here". Well, I did just that; the difference was mine usually went over the press box. It was history from there..... Coach placed his hand on my head (kind of shook it side to side, front to back) and said "DT, let's throw the shot and disc around tomorrow. I'll meet you here in the morning around 9:00 am". The knowledge & education he not only gave to me, but many others, would be some of the most exciting times in my life. I want to thank GOD for sharing Coach and his family with me. As we all continue this amazing journey in life, let us count our blessings each and every day! Loves, Hugs, & Prayers to everyone :-) ... Debbie Lilly (formerly, Hart)

Debbie Lilly - August 27, 2013 at 11:08 AM

BL

“ Sending our prayers and comfort to the family of Stephen Whaley. Our family remembers Mr. Whaley most as our daughter, Julie's basketball coach. He was always kind and encouraging and all the girls appreciated his leadership. Coaching girls is a special calling and I suppose having two girls of his own enabled him to understand the "mood swings" of girls! I know Julie has fond memories of her days playing basketball for Hurricane High. He will be missed.

Bob and Martha Layman

Bob and Martha Layman - August 27, 2013 at 10:38 AM

LF

“ We are so sorry for the loss of such a great person, teacher, and coach. Coach Whaley will always be in my family's hearts and memories. From the first day we meant him he was so caring and always made us feel like we belonged in Teays Valley. Although we have moved from there we all considered him to be a true friend and So Blessed that he was part of our lives. My daughter always loved being on his teams and I always enjoyed working along side of him for the team. Also who could ever forget his stories. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. Always, The Daignaults

Linda Daignault and family - August 27, 2013 at 09:14 AM

RO

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Steve through athletics. I worked as Athletic Director/Assistant Principal at Cabell Midland High School. Steve was a great guy, with a pleasant personality, good humor and always willing to help others. He was a real nice to be around and I will miss him...God bless his family during this most difficult time. Ron Oliver, Amelia Island Florida.

Ron Oliver - August 27, 2013 at 04:35 AM