



John Finland Whitley Jr.

September 30, 1939 - January 23, 2017

The greatest Daddy, Papaw and Big Dad ever gained his wings on January 23, 2017.

John "Johnny" Finland Whitley Jr. was born in Mechanicsburg, Ohio on September 30, 1939.

He was the son of the late John F. "Finn" and Esta Certain Whitley. He is preceded in death by both parents, 4 brothers, Mitchell Whitley, Willodean Whitley, Lonnie Ray Whitley and Randy Glen Whitley; and one infant son, Johnny Ray Whitley.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Roberta Whitley; one sister, Emma Sue Lewis; two sons Jackie Dean (Kim) Whitley, Billy Joe (Jonah) Whitley; three daughters, Sandra Dee (Paul) Thornsberry, Kristi Marie (Brian) Scriptor and Brandi Sue Fultz (Rodney Ison); seven grandsons, Jackie Lee Whitley, Jacob Whitley, Alex Whitley, Jayce Whitley, Caden Whitley, Blake Fultz and Brier Finland Whitley; four granddaughters, Samantha (Nick) Childers, Emily Whitley, Jazlyn Fultz and Jadyn Fultz and one great grandson, Lincoln Oakes Childers; two brothers-in-law, Mike (Kathy) Hay and Wayne (Debbie) Hay; four sisters-in-law, Jackie (Tim) Hutchison, Carol Waits, Bonnie Whitley, Cheri Whitley and a special mother-in-law, Juanita Hay. Along with a host of family and friends that loved him dearly.

John was the owner of Whitley's Painting LLC for over 50 years. He often said, "I may not be rich in wealth but I sure am in love and family".

Dad was full of stories and laughter. He never met a stranger or had anything bad to say about anyone. He was the most kind, caring and loving man. Heaven sure gained a special angel.

Funeral arrangements will be held 1 pm Friday, January 27, 2017 in the Chapel of Waddell & Whitt Funeral Home with Brother David Webb officiating. Burial will follow in the Whispering Pines Cemetery on Middle Fork.

Friends may visit after 5 pm on Thursday and after 9 am on Friday until the service hour at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Blake Fultz, Lil' Jack Whitley, Jacob Whitley, Mikey Hay, Lil' Greg Maxie, Dakota Bear.

Honorary Pallbearers: Brian Scriptor, Brier Whitley, Jayce Whitley, Caden Whitley, Alex Whitley, Joe Hay, Phillip Hay, Wayne Hay, Tim Hutchinson, Mike Hay, Lincoln Childers, Taylor Burke, Nick Childers, Aaron Whitley, Paul Thornsberry, Rodney Ison, Earl Elliott, Zeb Burke, Scott Barker and Archie Edward Fultz.

Tribute Wall

AW

“ *Aimie Walker lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.*



Aimie Walker - January 27, 2017 at 11:00 AM

JM

“ *Jerry, Sandy, Ethan And Chloe Moore lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.*



Jerry, Sandy, Ethan and Chloe Moore - January 27, 2017 at 10:56 AM

DP

“ *Go rest high on the Mountain! Dear Friend, Rest in Peace. Prayers for the Family.*



David & Ruth Peters - January 26, 2017 at 08:56 PM

LF

“ *Lacy Fox-Frisby & Family lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.*



Lacy Fox-Frisby & Family - January 26, 2017 at 08:53 PM

VF

“ Vickie & David Fox



Vickie & David Fox - January 26, 2017 at 08:51 PM

GF

“ Gary & Helen B. Fannin lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Gary & Helen B. Fannin - January 26, 2017 at 07:35 PM

JS

“ Johnny and Emma Sue were growing up friends, with lots of shared school and family over night visits as kids. Also, John's son, Jackie, spent many nights in my home with my son Lorne - Blessings for God's strength to all his loved ones - Janet Peters Stinson.

Janet P. Stinson - January 25, 2017 at 10:31 PM

RE

“ Bert, I am so sorry for your loss and want to send my love and condolences to you and your family. I know that the memories each of you made with Johnny are deeply imprinted in your heart. So in the quiet moments, when the hurt is hard to bear, may love become your shelter and may the beauty of those precious memories be your comfort. You are all held in gentle thought and prayer. God Bless



Retta - January 25, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ Tony Wagoner lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Tony Wagoner - January 25, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ 23 Psalm Blanket was purchased for the family of John Finland Whitley Jr..



January 25, 2017 at 07:57 PM



“ I, always loved just coming to your and aunt Roberta house and all of setting and laughing, you always had a smile. I, will love and miss you always. Love you uncle Johnny and I, will meet you in heaven one day. Love Michie, Johnny, Marlee, Jon Ryan.



Michie Lewis - January 25, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ Marsha Lyons Blevins lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Marsha Lyons Blevins - January 25, 2017 at 06:50 PM

MB

So sorry! You all are in our prayers!!!

Marsha Lyons Blevins - January 25, 2017 at 06:52 PM

RH

“ Worked Painting with jonnie ,He was a good man & friend , Tails we told each other still make me grin, Will miss you till we met again ,Love the family . Goober

Roland (goober) Hutchinson - January 25, 2017 at 06:37 PM

TE

“ So sorry Blake to hear about your papaw.

Teresia Elliott - January 25, 2017 at 05:54 PM

AB

“ Angie, Scott And Mackenzie Barker sent a virtual gift in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Angie, Scott and Mackenzie Barker - January 25, 2017 at 12:21 PM

PF

“ Paul Fannin lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



paul fannin - January 25, 2017 at 10:40 AM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss Dolores Waggoner and Loretta D' Anniballe daughters of the late Willie H. Phillips

Dolores Waggoner - January 25, 2017 at 08:51 AM

KW

“ Kim Wilburn lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Kim Wilburn - January 25, 2017 at 08:42 AM

DO

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers for all of you! Darrell & Debbie O'Hara



Darrell & Deborah O'Hara - January 25, 2017 at 07:45 AM

MW

“ Margaret & Dave Wagoner lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



margaret & Dave Wagoner - January 24, 2017 at 11:57 PM



“ Jessica Holbrook lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Jessica Holbrook - January 24, 2017 at 10:56 PM



“ Connie Sparks & Family lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



connie sparks & family - January 24, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Finland Whitley Jr..



January 24, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ Samantha, Nick and Family, Sending my condolences during this difficult time..hugs and prayers.. Love, Joni Allen



Joni - January 24, 2017 at 08:38 PM

JL

“ So sorry Jack, Billy and Sandra prayers for you all and rest of the family

Jan and Danny Lewis - January 24, 2017 at 08:28 PM

JL

“ Jan And Danny Lewis lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Jan and Danny Lewis - January 24, 2017 at 08:21 PM

JR

“ Sorry for your loss.



Jimmy & Melissa Rice - January 24, 2017 at 07:54 PM

JP

“ Janie Prince lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Janie Prince - January 24, 2017 at 07:53 PM

LM

“ Larry, Kyla And Brianna Moore lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Larry, Kyla and Brianna Moore - January 24, 2017 at 07:46 PM

ML

“ Megan Lovejoy lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Megan Lovejoy - January 24, 2017 at 07:42 PM

SK

“ Sue Newell Keeton lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Sue Newell Keeton - January 24, 2017 at 07:31 PM

SK

So Sorry for your loss

Sue Newell Keeton - January 24, 2017 at 07:32 PM

GI

“ So Very Sorry for your Loss Bill .. Prayers to you and all your family



Gracie Ison - January 24, 2017 at 07:26 PM

CH

“ Chris And Bobbie Howard lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Chris and Bobbie Howard - January 24, 2017 at 07:16 PM

KT

“ Bert, I want to send our condolences and love to you and the family. Mom and Dad aren't able to come in support of the family but wanted you to know they are thinking of and praying for you all.

Lige, Jewell and Kathy

Kathy Thompson - January 24, 2017 at 06:54 PM

WW

“ Wanda Willoughby lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



wanda willoughby - January 24, 2017 at 06:50 PM

TH

“ Tammy Holbrook lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Tammy Holbrook - January 24, 2017 at 06:47 PM

TA

“ Tina Addington lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Tina Addington - January 24, 2017 at 06:31 PM

CH

“ Camila Haney lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Camila Haney - January 24, 2017 at 06:14 PM

JA

“ Jimmy & Kathy Adkins lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Jimmy & Kathy Adkins - January 24, 2017 at 03:50 PM

DP

“ Donna & Bill PREWITT lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.




Donna & Bill PREWITT - January 24, 2017 at 03:30 PM

MF

“ Michael Dickerson & Family lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



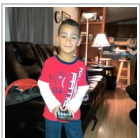
Michael Dickerson & Family - January 24, 2017 at 03:13 PM

 Barry Hall

“ Prayers



Barry Hall - January 24, 2017 at 02:11 PM



“ Odella Williams lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Odella Williams - January 24, 2017 at 02:08 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Whitley sent a virtual gift in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.*



Kathy Whitley - January 24, 2017 at 12:27 PM

VF

“ *Prayers for your family.*
Vickie & David Fox



Vickie & David Fox - January 24, 2017 at 11:19 AM

LM

“ *Laura Prewitt Manuel lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.*



Laura Prewitt Manuel - January 24, 2017 at 11:13 AM

SP

“ *Susan Preston lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.*



Susan Preston - January 24, 2017 at 05:39 AM

SP

“ Sue Parmley sent a virtual gift in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Sue Parmley - January 23, 2017 at 09:01 PM



“ Kim Salyers sent a virtual gift in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Kim Salyers - January 23, 2017 at 07:08 PM

JG

“ John And Donna Gillis lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



John and Donna Gillis - January 23, 2017 at 05:43 PM

JO

“ Joyce Oliver sent a virtual gift in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.



Joyce Oliver - January 23, 2017 at 03:50 PM

BD

“ *Barbara Lewis Davis lit a candle in memory of John Finland Whitley Jr.*



Barbara Lewis Davis - January 23, 2017 at 03:03 PM