



John Calvin Whitley

April 10, 1931 - March 19, 2026

John was born in East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana to James Wilbur Whitley and Nina (Green) Whitley. John was the second oldest of seven children, and the eldest son. Growing up, John loved the country with lots of family and friends all around. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, good food, and good music, especially live music.

John married the love of his life Florida Whitley in 1954, and moved to Oakland, California soon after. He moved to Santa Cruz, California in search of better job opportunities and resided there for most of his life.

He moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2024, and traded the California Lottery for KENO. A new journey had begun with a few familiar faces, and a lot of new acquaintances and friends.

He loved the warm Las Vegas weather, especially the warm summer night, you could find him at the Sunset Station Casino, where he was given a new nickname "95".

Well loved, and well liked, John will forever be in all our hearts, and missed by so many.

A Celebration of his life will be held at:

Affordable Cremation and Burial , 2127 W Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 on August 18, 2026 from 11am to 1 pm, with a reception immediately following.

Miss Me but Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul that's set free. Miss me a little, but not too long and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me, but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we knew and laugh at the things that we used to do. Miss me, but let me go.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (pst)

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Reception

AUG 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (pst)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Amazing soul. I worked with John for many years and I always appreciated his candor. There was always a lesson to be learned. John didn't give advice, just helpful suggestions and practical solutions. John's approach to life was very easy; common sense. I drove past Pendegast a few months ago and smiled, thinking to myself, he said he was going to "get outta here" I'm glad he did. The last time we spoke he told me that he was living in Las Vegas and I said "Bright Lights, Big City" and we had the best laugh! "Bright Lights, Big City" was a song written and recorded by bluesman Jimmie Reed in 1961 that we both enjoyed listening too. My deepest condolences to the family. Rest easy John and I'll catch up to you later.*



Scott - April 22 at 01:30 PM

CH

“ *A good man. John built his own boat, a really nice boat! He started building it the fall of 1978 and finished it in the summer. He'd work for a few hours when he came home from work and he'd work on it on the weekends, I remember thinking Wanda has such a cool dad. John was always the same, never changing, always living life on his terms and doing things his way, he was someone you could count on, that did what he said. My heart goes out to you Wanda, I know you're hurting right now but you stay strong because you are strong. Your dad is counting on you now, he went as far as he could go with you and he left this life knowing he could count you and that you would continue in his foot steps and that you'll take good care of Florida. RIP John God bless you and the legacy you left behind.*



Chris - April 10 at 04:44 PM

KT

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Whitley family I remember Mr. Whitley quietness and Smile,. He was always kind towards me when I would go over to their house after church. May he rest in peace in Jesus name*
To The Family may our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort you all Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew. 5:4
Karen Thomas

karen thomas - April 06 at 01:03 AM

MS

“ *Mel Siltanen lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Whitley*



Mel Siltanen - April 05 at 04:16 PM

NT

“ *I am a friend of the family, and I know how deeply John loved and cared for those closest to him. He was an extremely hard worker, and his work ethic and reliability showed in his character. I will also remember John for his bright spirit and sense of humor, because he always had a way of seeing the sunny side of life, even if we were talking about something dismal. His magnetic personality drew people in and made them feel like a friend. John will be missed* ❤️
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Naomi Tudor - April 05 at 03:30 PM

GC

“ *Tawanda. I am so sorry for your loss and my heart goes out to you and your family. Your father was a jewel and wealth of knowledge. I always enjoyed the time I spent with your parents while I cared for your mother, laughing and talking with your dad watching Roland Martin and talking politics. He was very proud of you all, and the happiest 94 year old I ever met! Your dad was so confident at 94 I could only imagine how confident he was at 24! He was always making plans; If I asked him what was he planning, he'd shake his head and tell me "Loose lips sink ships" Please give Mrs. Florida a hug and kiss for me. You're in my thoughts and prayers.*



Giselle Choi - April 05 at 01:25 PM

TW

“ *Tawanda Whitley lit a candle in memory of John Calvin Whitley*



Tawanda Whitley - April 04 at 10:14 PM

VC

“ *Mr Whitley was one of a kind and very nice to me he will be truly missed God was so good to him you lived a good life until we meet again* 🇺🇸🙏

Veronica Keller Cossman - April 04 at 09:00 PM

LL

“ I’m John’s wife caregiver and John would talk to me and tell me stories about when he was a young adult which as we know, he has lived to see quite a bit of change 😞 we would watch judge Judy together and talk about the different cases and laugh about them 😊 ...while we eat our snacks..😂 lol oh how he loved his sweets 🍪.... I remember when I would come in close to the summer days and he was still running cold and would have the heater off and I would cough and turn the heater off..😂😂 cuz he would be baking me an Mrs Florida 😂 then wait to see how long it took before he realized 🙏🙏 John will be missed but he was fortunate to have a blessed life while putting his imprint in this world ... May he Rest in Peace 🙏🙏

LoReal (laa la) - April 04 at 06:24 PM

MS

Mr. John is at home and at peace and I'm grateful for that. 🙏 We all come here and, just as we come, we shall all leave too. This is how life works. I'm grateful to be able to share what Mr. John has left with me and others. He's the father of my very best friend Tawanda- my friend has taught me that I can not fight everybody physically and / or by myself. I can't fight every battle cause not every battle is mines to fight. It may not even be a battle... She taught me that I have to trust, "sometimes you just have to give it to god, you trust him- that's faith". Tawanda has taught me faith is required and it is a practice. 🙏 Mr. John is also the husband of the most amazing, strong, stylish and beautiful women that I have ever had the privilege to look up to- Miss Florida ❤️ and the grandfather to three very beautiful, each very unique, sensitive and clear thinking young women, that I hold dear to my heart- Rae, Kalela and Siri. 🙏

Mr. John LOVED to give me a hard time. Yes, he loved it! 😂 He would greet me talking about Trump- cause he knew how much I hated that fool, and still do 😂🙏 Mr. John always made me laugh, always! It's a blessing to know a man who knows everything, cause you can't tell him nothing! 😂 I mean that, nobody, well maybe Miss Florida but that's it. When I think of Mr. John I smile cause he would tell me I talk too much 😂 I do! Hella! So he wasn't ever lying. 😂 A few years ago, I was at their home in Santa Cruz for Thanksgiving with my boys. I remember feeling so grateful to be there because I was going through somethings and the familiarity was medicine for me. I have always felt welcomed at Pendegast Ave. Tawanda and the girls had done most of the shopping prior to me arriving. They were planning cooking and I offered to do the greens 😂😂😂😂 I'm laughing cause Mr. John was so mad, I mean pissed off! 😂 Girl, so mad! Shuffling around talking about "how you gonna let HER cook the greens"! he was talking under his breathe the whole time. Coming up behind me, over my shoulder- "you gonna put any salt in there" 😂😂😂😂 "yes , Mr. John- I got you" "I do this" I told him. He didn't believe me or care- he was on me, over my shoulder and telling Tawanda "to go ahead and finish those greens" 😂🙏🙏🙏 I'll only smile when I think of him, AND only laugh when I think about how he tore those greens up, went back for more... and then told me they were "alright"! 😂 I know that's right! 🙏🙏🙏 Rest in Paradise Mr. John- thank you for the legacy you leave in the family you have raised up and the love, guidance and remembrance they provide and offer us all. 🙏❤️ Mel, Anton and Lindo

Mel Siltanen - April 05 at 02:31 PM