



## Gary Lee Whiting

July 25, 1946 - December 8, 2022

Gary Whiting, 76, of Sugar Hill, GA passed away Thursday, December 8, 2022. He was born in Kendrick, ID to Ray and Nina Whiting and his brother Norman. They were raised in Lewiston, ID where he eventually graduated from. His first real love interest in cars started when he was 8 years old and submitted his custom-made model car into a contest and won. That was just the beginning. He later drag raced motorcycles and cars and built the Agitator and raced it alongside his friend/brother-in-law Tom Eubank. He worked as a Machinist at Omark in Lewiston and later in Spokane, WA. He married Margaret Eubank in 1968 and they had 3 kids: Robb, Ryan and Amber. Throughout the years, he was involved with Vintage Valley Street Rods and many other Rod Runs and Car Shows where he often won awards. In 1973 he pulled out a 1934 Dodge Panel out of a wrecking yard that was in mud up to the windows and restored it. Eventually he opened his own shop, Paint-N-Place where he did Auto Body work, custom paint jobs, restorations and of course his signature flames. He and Margaret later divorced and he met and married Cheryl in 1985 who had two boys: David and Jeremy. They enjoyed Rod Runs, weekly league bowling, planting gardens and canning and hanging out with friends as nobody was a stranger to Gary. They often took care of others and always had a dog or cat around. After years of living in and around Spokane, WA. Gary and Cheryl debarked to Las Vegas for a couple years and then eventually joined most of the family and settled in North Georgia. Gary worked with his son Ryan at MTI Baths for about 14 years. He ended up

retiring a couple of times and briefly worked part time at Ace Hardware until Covid hit. He was soon diagnosed with Stage 4 Prostate Cancer. He fought hard these last couple of years until cancer and other health issues eventually took him from us. He was surrounded by his loving wife, his 3 kids and 3 of his grandchildren. To know Gary is like opening a book. Each Chapter is different but throughout the book, it is filled with laughter and jokes. He was so talented and creative and could make anything. From his "Angeled eggs" or freshly grated Idaho spud hashbrowns to his delicious cakes with signature peanut butter frosting to metal figurines, light fixtures made from random parts to cars and anything and everything with flames. If he dreamt it up, he would sketch it out and create a masterpiece. You could always find him with his wrench and a sharpie in his pocket. He could weld anything, paint anything from a toy model car to custom antique cars and was involved with a group of indoor wheelchair soccer players (Team USA) where he custom designed safety guards on the chairs, with of course flames. He enjoyed teaching his kids and grandkids but most of all he just liked to have fun and enjoy life to its fullest. From sledding and seeing "sparks", going camping at the lake, going to the racetrack, carving pumpkins, making slip and slides or painting a car and being attacked by mice, he was sure to have a good time. Sometimes too much fun as we truly think he had at least 9 lives. But no matter the Chapter, Gary was fun to be around, treated you like family and loved you even harder. He would be sure to tell you "You're Great!" with a thumbs up or tell you how much he loved you and how proud he was of you. He adored and spoiled his little dog Arie. He always had his quirky sayings and spoke his own language. Even though times got a little "sketchy" he stayed positive and present. If you knew him, you loved him and was a friend for life. He is deeply loved and will truly be missed. He was one of a kind! "Okie Dokie". "Over and Out". The End. His mom, dad, brother and many other family members and friends preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving wife Cheryl of 37 years who unselfishly took great care of him, along with her two sons David and Jeremy Grossman, ex-wife Margaret Myers and their 3 children Robb Whiting, Ryan

(Melissa) Whiting and Amber Whiting Nash as well as 6 grandchildren:  
Aaron (Hannah) Whiting, Avery (Emily) Whiting, Dylan and Kylee  
Whiting, Dax Daugherty and Kalya Grossman as well as many friends and  
family members. No formal service is scheduled at this time.

# Tribute Wall

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“Dad- I think it is still setting in that you are gone. It’s hard to look at your empty recliner or not hear your voice. I tried being so present over the last couple of years but still wish I had more time. I will cherish all the memories and miss you dearly! You were so loved by everyone! You had such a positive outlook and your funny sayings or stories cracked me up! I’ll be forever grateful for these times with you. Love you pops!!



Amber Nash - December 19, 2022 at 07:10 PM

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“Amber Nash lit a candle in memory of Gary Whiting



Amber Nash - December 19, 2022 at 07:02 PM

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Amber Nash - December 19, 2022 at 07:00 PM

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“ Gary was truly blessed to have such a wonderful life full of happiness and good times. I'm going to miss good ol Gary and could not of asked for a better step Dad. I only wish I had more time with him but will cherish the time I got to have. Love you Gary



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**Jeremy Grossman** - December 14, 2022 at 03:39 PM

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“ I remember he came into Ron,s Body Shop one afternoon and said . "come on Lucy we're going to paint your "67 Chevelle Wagon". Right there and then. I was married to Ron at the time. He knew I wanted it painted and Ron never had the time. I Loved him and will miss him. Lucy Lee

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**Lucy Lee** - December 11, 2022 at 12:23 PM

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“ What can i say to help ease the pain this family is going through absolutely nothing but what i can say is this Ryan Aaron Avery my condolences go out to each and everyone of you i was blessed to have you Ryan to take a chance by hiring me at Mti by you doing so i was blessed to work with and along side of Aaron and Avery and yourself and with that came your father and you guys grand father well he was one of a kind multi talented caring and never once did he hesitate to help me anytime i needed him he never treated me in any way different than as if he knew me all my life well for that i was blessed so in closing i would like to say i couldnt imagine the way he was with each of you just know you all were blessed and i could see the love he had for each of you i just want you all to know you all will remain in my thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort for the days to come i love you guys

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**David Wade** - December 11, 2022 at 01:36 AM