

## Noel L. Whitis Jr.

April 12, 1945 - January 24, 2015

Noel L. Whitis, Jr., 69, of Bourbonnais passed away Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Florida South Hospital in Orlando, Florida. He was born on April 12, 1945 to Noel Lee Whitis, Sr. and Ilene Spangler in Wauseon, Ohio. Noel married Judith Ann Davidson on August 27, 1966 at College Church in Bourbonnais.

He was a retired employee of Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School where he worked as a Science Teacher and Media Director for 23 years. He then worked at Olivet Nazarene University as the Director of Media and Technical Support, retiring in 2006. Noel received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Olivet Nazarene University, as well as, a MED Degree from University of Toledo. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, gardening and his family.

Noel is survived by his wife of Bourbonnais; his father Noel L. Whitis, Sr. of Bourbonnais; two sons Gregg Whitis of Tucson, Arizona and Matt (Amy) Whitis of Bourbonnais; two sisters Natalie (Dennis) Buhro of Kendallville, Indiana and Cheryl (Mark) Smith of Bourbonnais; one brother Jim (Cindy) Whitis of Indianapolis, Indiana; three grandchildren Hope, Hannah and Luke Whitis; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 30, 2015 from 4-8 pm at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 11 am at College Church of the Nazarene in

Bourbonnais. Dr.'s Mark Quanstrom and John Bowling will officiate the service. Contributions may be made to the Noel L., Sr. and Ilene Whitis Scholarship Fund at Olivet Nazarene University.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
200 University Ave.  
Bourbonnais, IL  
(815) 933-7749  
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and you, Judy. Noel will always have a special place in John and my heart. The times we shared together at breakfast, McDonalds after evening church and the special birthday parties that we were able to share with you. We think of you and pray for your peace. We miss you and hope to see you soon. May God Bless you and keep you close, John and Helen Rushing



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**John And Helen Rushing** - February 03, 2015 at 02:31 PM

BB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family, dear Judy. Noel will always be remembered at Holiday Travel Resort as both a brilliant and kind man. We share in your loss. With Deepest Sympathy....Phil & Barb Browe

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**Barb Browe** - January 30, 2015 at 06:34 AM

 Jody Andriano

“ Sending my sincere sympathy to the Whitis family. Noel and Dr. Judy were so good to me when I was working on my MA at ONU while juggling two babies and a full time teaching job. I won't forget that kindness or Noel.

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**Jody Andriano** - January 28, 2015 at 09:18 PM

ES

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all of the Whitis family. Noel's passing was such a surprise and brings back many wonderful memories of our family.

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**edwin a spangler,jr** - January 28, 2015 at 07:39 PM

NW

“ Even though we are currently in Sun Lakes, Arizona (instead of Manteno, IL) we are so sorry to learn of Noel's death. My Uncle (Charles Robert Williamson) and family informed us of the sad news. Our deepest sympathy to you, Judy, and to all of your family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you at this difficult time. With love, Nancy and Gordon Wheeler

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**Nancy Wheeler** - January 28, 2015 at 10:33 AM

JL

“ We are saddened to learn of Noel's sudden death. Our prayers and love to you, Judy, your sons and all the family. We have special memories of the years we served together at Olivet. Noel was a talented and creative man who dedicated his life to his God and the Kingdom. His smile, kind spirit and special gifts will be missed.

*Much love and many prayers. Jim and Leora Legacy, Jacksonville, FL*

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**Jim and Leora Legacy** - January 27, 2015 at 04:19 PM

VK

“ My deepest condolences to Judy, the boys and the entire Whitis family. Noel was such a bright light in so many ways...I can't picture him without that beaming smile. May your faith and wonderful memories be a comfort to all of you.

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**Vaunceil Kruse** - January 27, 2015 at 01:21 PM

DF

*We can only imagine the grief you as a family must feel at the loss of Noel. He was such a positive, kind man who had a big heart for others. You are all in our thoughts and prayers; may God strengthen and comfort you in the days and months ahead.*

*Dan and Dianne Ferris*

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**Dianne Ferris** - January 30, 2015 at 10:47 AM

GM

“ *Gwen Egbert and Bernie Medinger purchased the In Memory Blue Spruce Tree for the family of Noel L. Whitis Jr..*



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**Gwen Egbert and Bernie Medinger** - January 27, 2015 at 10:57 AM

BK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Noel & I were classmates & friends @ Fayette high school(class of 63). I have fond memories of our time together during our high school days.*  
*Bob Keiser*

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**Bob Keiser** - January 26, 2015 at 06:07 PM

LH

“ *Dear Whitis Family:*

*Noel will be remembered fondly...so sorry to hear of your loss.*

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**Lori Hoekstra** - January 26, 2015 at 03:29 PM

SR

“ *Susie And Mick Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Noel L. Whitis Jr.*



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**Susie and Mick Rodgers** - January 26, 2015 at 02:07 PM

SR

*Noel, you were a very giving person and a dear friend. We will miss your smile and friendship.*

**Susie and Mick Rodgers** - January 26, 2015 at 02:08 PM

MD

*So sorry to hear of Noel's passing. Praying God's peace and comfort for each one of you. He will be missed in the ONU and Bourbonnais communities. Blessings! Bob and Marlys Drebenstedt*

**Marlys B Drebenstedt** - January 27, 2015 at 05:06 PM

LC

*It was my pleasure to work with Noel at BBCHS in 1989/1990 for a few months. He was a kind, compassionate man with a smile a mile wide and a soul anchored in love for God. I am truly sorry to hear of your loss. May you feel God's love in an extra special way in the days to come.*

*Lynette Christensen*

**Lynette Christensen** - January 27, 2015 at 11:01 PM

TP

*I remember when Noel and his family moved to Fayette, Ohio. We became best friends immediately. That friendship was always there even though life took many different directions for each of us. No matter what the circumstances, I always knew Noel would be there for me if I needed him - a true friend. He will be greatly missed.*

*Tom Patton*

**Tom Patton** - January 31, 2015 at 03:48 PM

CM

“ *A yellow candle lit in friendship. You were a wonderful man and impacted our lives forever. Hugs, prayers to Judy and family.*

*Clarence & Cathie Miedema*

**Cathie Miedema** - January 26, 2015 at 01:28 PM

