



## David J. Whitlow

April 4, 1966 - June 8, 2021

David J. Whitlow, age 55, of Herscher passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2021. He was born April 4, 1966 in Kankakee, the son of George “Larry” & Phyllis (Larsen) Whitlow. David married Mistie Thurston on May 7, 1994 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher.

David was the owner/operator of Friendly Signs in Kankakee for 33 years. He enjoyed all watersports, drag racing, and outdoor sports. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

David was a Mason. He was a member of the Kankakee Boat Club and the Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher.

Surviving are his wife, Mistie Whitlow of Herscher; two sons, Kyle Whitlow and Hunter Whitlow, both of Herscher; his second mother, Donna Whitlow of Crescent City; his mother-in-law, Karen Thurston-Stephens of CO; two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law, Chip Thurston of Kankakee and Jeremy & Heather Thurston of Herscher; one step-brother, Rod Paap of South Padre, TX; one step-sister, Pam (Gary) Hibbert of Clifton; two nieces, Ellaine Hibbert and Hope Thurston; and one nephew, Deegan Thurston. David is preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Whitlow; his father, George “Larry” Whitlow; his father-in-law, Larry Thurston; and grandmother, Ruth Whitlow.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life Open House will be held on July 11, 2021 starting at 1 p.m. at the Kankakee Valley Boat Club. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Open House

JUL 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee Valley Boat Club  
1600 Cobb Blvd  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall



“ *David J. Whitlow*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Kim Babbs lit a candle in memory of David J. Whitlow*



**Kim Babbs** - June 25, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *To the Whitlow Family - I'd like to extend my deepest condolences to the Whitlow and Thurston families.*

**Robert Emerson** - June 20, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *Kathy Lott lit a candle in memory of David J. Whitlow*



**Kathy Lott** - June 18, 2021 at 08:20 PM

JA

“ *Mistie, Kyle, Hunter and Family:*  
*John and I were devastated to hear about Dave. We always enjoyed your visits to our restaurant at Lake Shannon. Lots of memories and laughs. I know you and the boys were the center of his life. May you find peace and comfort knowing we are all praying for you and sending our love and hugs. He truly will be missed.*  
*John & Nita Arthur*

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**John and Anita Arthur** - June 17, 2021 at 02:54 PM

JA

“ *John And Anita Arthur lit a candle in memory of David J. Whitlow*



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**John and Anita Arthur** - June 17, 2021 at 02:50 PM

TM

“ *Our deepest condolences Dave always had a smile and kind words when we would see him. Sending our thoughts and prayers to your family.*



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**Tammy Mulder** - June 17, 2021 at 12:21 AM

PP

“ *Paul Puffer lit a candle in memory of David J. Whitlow*



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**Paul Puffer** - June 16, 2021 at 10:31 PM

JW

“ *Jim Weber lit a candle in memory of David J. Whitlow*



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**jim weber** - June 15, 2021 at 11:56 PM

TT

“ *Mistie, My condolences to you and your family on the loss of your husband.*



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**Ted Tusinski** - June 14, 2021 at 07:02 PM

MG

“ *Kyle and family.... Keeping you in my prayers. My deepest sympathies.*



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**Maria D Gonzalez** - June 14, 2021 at 06:57 PM

DE

“ To Dave Whitlows whole family...may you all find peace knowing you will all be reunited with your husband , father and friend someday.. For Mistie and boys time will heal your unbearable pain. Trust in the Lord the rest of your days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and heartfelt sympathy is sent your way.. You have a strong beautiful family to lean on. Hopefully Dave is at peace..he was a loving husband and father ,,may you cherish your memories and have faith in your future that the good Lord will shine a light for you all to follow the path beside him each day. Thank God for what he has given us.. Thank God for what he has taken away ..and Thank God for what he has left behind..Love, peace, and blessings.....Richard and Debra Emling

Debra Emling - June 12, 2021 at 10:29 PM

MS

“ Dave was a great guy. I went to school with him and dealt with him for work. He will greatly missed. Thoughts and prayer to his family!



Michelle Sadler - June 12, 2021 at 06:15 PM

KS

“ So sorry for you family's loss. We met Dave snowmobiling many years ago and he was always nice to us! Sending hugs! Keith & Deb Sieg

Keith and Deb Sieg - June 12, 2021 at 06:09 PM

JU

“ I worked for Dave at friendly signs...Dave was a great person to work for...Dave and Misty became like family,so I asked Dave to be my best man in my wedding...We all lost someone very special.....Thank u for everything Dave...Me and my family will be praying for Misty and there two boys

Justin - June 12, 2021 at 05:22 PM

JF

“ Jaymie Falkenhan lit a candle in memory of David J. Whitlow



Jaymie Falkenhan - June 12, 2021 at 11:57 AM

SR

“ David was a good man, my Heart and Prayers go out to his family....he will be Greatly missed!

Steven Renshaw - June 12, 2021 at 10:23 AM

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Steven Renshaw - June 12, 2021 at 10:20 AM

LD

“ Dave was a wonderful person and someone I considered a friend. We worked on many local projects together & he was an avid supporter of the community. He would give his time and his talent to help make our communities better and he will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers to his family which meant so much to him ❤️  
Lisa Dugan

Lisa Dugan - June 12, 2021 at 08:18 AM

SR

David was a good man, my Heart and Prayers go out to his family...he will be Greatly missed!

Steven Renshaw - June 12, 2021 at 10:14 AM

CM

“ Dave was a wonderful pillar of this community and he will be missed. I met Dave back in high school when we all hung out at the skating rink. Later he did tons of business for my employer. He always took the time to stop and chat whenever we ran into each other. My sincere condolences to his wife and family. I hope all the community support helps you find comfort in the days ahead. Connie Moore



Connie Moore - June 11, 2021 at 11:19 PM

TN

“ I always enjoyed hearing Dave's ski stories to his snowmobiling adventures. He will always be remembered and deeply missed.

Todd Niese - June 11, 2021 at 10:22 PM

JU

Yes I loved watching him and Misty and the two boys water ski dave was amazing at it...Gonna miss u bad...

Justin - June 12, 2021 at 05:49 PM

ES

“ *Ellen Sharp lit a candle in memory of David J. Whitlow*



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**Ellen Sharp** - June 11, 2021 at 09:43 PM

ES

*Everyone is in my Thoughts and Prayers*

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**Ellen Sharp** - June 11, 2021 at 09:45 PM

DD

“ *Dennis Dunlavey lit a candle in memory of David J. Whitlow*



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**Dennis Dunlavey** - June 11, 2021 at 08:59 PM

MP

“ *Im so sorry for your loss.  
prayers for your family.  
Michelle penna*

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**Michelle penna** - June 11, 2021 at 03:59 PM

GK

“ *Mistie, I will keep you in my heart and prayers for a long time... And I can't even imagine what you're feeling right now and I'm sending you hugs*

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**Glendal Kilbride** - June 11, 2021 at 01:45 PM

KD

“ So sorry for your loss, my prayers are with the family.  
David was a great person. He enjoyed Essex lake with his family  
and friends.  
Karen

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**karen duggan** - June 11, 2021 at 12:52 PM



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**Paul Madalinski** - June 11, 2021 at 12:22 PM

DB

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Dave Becker** - June 11, 2021 at 12:13 PM



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**Paul Madalinski** - June 11, 2021 at 12:12 PM



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Paul Madalinski - June 11, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ Deepest Condolences to His Family.

Jerry Alessi - June 11, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ Kathy Lovrant lit a candle in memory of David J. Whitlow



Kathy Lovrant - June 11, 2021 at 11:55 AM



You will be forever missed. RIP Dave.

Kathy Lovrant - June 11, 2021 at 11:56 AM



Thoughts and Prayers to Mistie, boys, and all his family, sorry for your loss, RIP Dave. Dana and Bob Warhurst.

Dana and Bob Warhurst - June 11, 2021 at 04:25 PM