



# Russel "Rusty" Donald Whittaker

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**R**ussel "Rusty" Donald Whittaker passed away on May 13, 2019 at the age of 51. He was born on January 30, 1968 to Ann Whittaker and the late Donald Whittaker.

Rusty loved spending time with his family, especially his son and his dog, Bully. He was an avid football enthusiast, enjoyed hunting and anything that had to do with construction. If you knew Rusty, you know he had his own special way of fixing things and he always found a way to fix everything.

Rusty is survived by his son, Lucas Whittaker; mother, Ann Whittaker; brothers, Scott (Nikki) Whittaker, Donald (Jen) Whittaker; nieces and nephews, Whitney, Donnie, and Devon. Rusty is preceded in death by his dad, Donald Whittaker; grandparents Russ and Joyce Whittaker, Clifford and Bert Freeland.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 15th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. A private service will be held by his family at a later date. Memorials are suggested to his son, Lucas Whittaker. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com) "I love you dad and I will miss you" –Lucas




## Events


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### Visitation

 **Wednesday**, May 15, 2019

 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



### Cemetery Details

 Cremation



## Tribute Wall

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**Susan Forton** posted:

Thinking of you on your birthday. Love, Sue

January 30 at 8:59 PM



**Susan Forton** posted:

Thinking of you on your birthday. Love, Sue

January 30 at 8:58 PM



**Susan Forton** lit a candle in honor of Russel "Rusty".

Thinking of you on your birthday.

January 30 at 7:54 AM



**Susan Forton** lit a candle in honor of Russel "Rusty".

January 30 at 1:52 PM



**Susan Forton** posted:

Think of you all the time. You were a true friend.

January 9 at 5:17 PM



**Susan Forton** posted:

Thinking of you Rusty! Pals forever!!!

January 29 at 8:30 AM



**Sue Forton** posted:

Always in my heart.

May 28 at 12:46 PM



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SF

**Sue Forton** posted:

Thinking of you, Rusty.

January 30 at 4:55 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Whittaker family.



May 15 at 7:30 AM

JS

**Jamie Stoutenburg** posted:

I want to express our deepest sympathies to the Whittakers. We were shocked by the news. You've been through so much lately and we wish you all the strength to get through mourning but ultimately celebrating Rusty's life. Know our hearts and thoughts are with you all at this time and always. Scott and Rusty were like the big brothers I never had when growing up, and the times spent at the Whittaker house with us boys was always looked forward to for major fun and (maybe sometimes) our mid-adventures. Our "big brother" Rusty will forever be missed but never forgotten. Jamie & the Stoutenburgs

May 15 at 7:20 AM

PM

**Penny Malcolm** posted:

A nephew gone to soon and very loved. So many memories from my babysitting days of Rusty till now. Always there with a helping hand and a bright smile. Your mother's right hand man. A loving father. Our family has endured so much the past five years. I wish peace could just come and stay. I wanted to share a poem I carry with me after my love, Rich passed away. I think it says a lot and hope it can give some comfort to all. The Early Days A Death Has Occurred  
A death has occurred and everything is changed. We are painfully aware that life can never be the same again, that yesterday is over, that relationships once rich have ended. But there is another way to look upon this truth. If life now went on the same, without the presence of the one who has died, we could only conclude that the life we remember made no contribution, filled no space, meant nothing. The fact that this person left behind a place that cannot be filled is a high tribute to this individual. Life can be the same after a trinket has been lost, but never after the loss of a treasure. I will miss you so much. My love to you and yours. Aunt Penny

May 15 at 6:28 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Whittaker family.



May 15 at 3:38 AM



**Darron Markwood** posted:

Growing up together with a pair of Dads in the linemen trucks, we shared a lot of good memories, beers and times between up north in Glennie for the Whitt-Woods Golf Outing, and down home here. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ann, Scott and Donnie during this time as Rusty will be dearly missed. I'm very sorry to hear about his passing, but I know he's enjoying a few beers with Don and my dad, Dana. Here's to you Rusty - thank you for all of the memories we shared as you will be missed.

May 14 at 6:18 PM



**Teri Westrick** posted:

I really don't know how much one family can take but this family has gone beyond the limit. We are sending our most deepest sympathy to the Whittaker family who we hold very close to our hearts. Love to you all from the Westrick's Teri, DJ, Kacy, Kristin, and families

May 14 at 5:55 PM



**Kim French** posted:

So sorry to hear about Rusty. I went to school with Rusty. He was a great guy. Sending lots of prayers to his family and friends. You will be missed. Rest In Peace my friend.

May 14 at 2:52 PM



**Elaine Gates-Jocuns** posted:

We had a lot of crazy times. You were a brother and wonderful friend to my brother, Scott. Say hi to my dad. Rest In Peace

May 14 at 1:40 PM



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**Denise** posted:

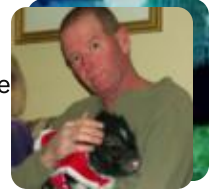
So sorry for your family having to accept this sudden loss. Hopefully, your good memories will help you through this terribly difficult time. Love to all, Denise

May 14 at 10:07 AM



**Aunt Lisa + Uncle Jack** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We were all raised more like siblings and our running the roads at Lakeside Park were some great times. Riding your minibikes and snowmobiling as kids and watching you play little league was what my childhood brings to mind. Gone too soon Rusty, love you. Lucas, Ann, Scott, Donnie and all of the families ... You're in my prayers and we love you.



May 14 at 9:48 AM



**Thomalexander1960@Gmail.Com** May 15 at 4:57 PM

What a great friend to all of us in the Alexander Family. My children called Rusty "Uncle Rusty" affectionately. You were an awesome friend so many memories. You will be missed. Prayers for the family and bully, God Bless!



**Wanda M Mitti** posted:

Our hearts are breaking...Russ was a wonderful worker and friend...We will miss him a great deal.Our sympathy to his familyM & M ConcreteGary and Wanda MittiDan and Travis MittiDave Biscorner

May 14 at 8:50 AM



**Carol Campbell** lit a candle in honor of Russel "Rusty".

To the Whittaker family, so sorry for your loss 🙏

May 14 at 8:08 AM



**Sue Forton** posted:

Will remember you, always Rusty!

May 14 at 8:07 AM



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DM

**Donna Said Maske** posted:

I knew Rusty from the Smoke Haus. He was one of my favorite customers and I am so so sorry for the loss. He was always so polite, so sweet and he brightened my day whenever he came in to the store. May God give peace to his family during this time. I am heartbroken for all of you.

May 14 at 7:59 AM

CJ

**Cheryl Jarnot** posted:

Rusty was always very kind, and there for you if you needed help, my girls were very fond of him too. Our sympathies to the Whittaker family, and especially to you Lucas, we love you ❤️

May 14 at 6:22 AM



# Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Russel "Rusty" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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