



## John Arthur Whitney

July 19, 1951 - October 21, 2020

John Arthur Whitney, 69, of St. Albans, passed away, Wednesday, October 21, 2020 after a long-term battle with COPD and a short but hard fight with cancer.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Frances C. “Cheryl” Whitney, son, John A. Whitney, Jr.; father, James Woodrow Whitney; and mother, Leona “Penny” Whitney (Asbury).

He is survived by his son, James E. Whitney (Sarah) and grand-dog, Zena; sister, Elizabeth Pritt (Gary); brother, James I. Whitney (Anna Mae) several loving nieces, nephews and friends.

John was a dedicated husband and father to his family; sometimes working three jobs to make ends meet and never missed an opportunity to attend the boys’ football games, track meets and science fairs. He was the best dad, father-in-law, uncle and friend to have. A simple man, always there to offer advice, you may not always like what he had to say, but he would never steer you in the wrong way direction. He loved to joke and tease and make people laugh. It was his way to ease the tension in a room and truly one of his best traits. He was always ready to lend a hand, needing every tool in the garage because, “you just don’t know what you might need”. As friends and family say, “his smile and swagger were amazing”; the twinkle in his eyes will forever

be my favorite memory”. “He was a person that you met and knew from that moment you would love him forever”, and the best nickname he ever had was “John Gotti”. Not a man of many hobbies, however he did like to enjoy a cruise in his corvette and sit back and enjoy some reruns of Star Trek and old Westerns. If you ever ordered a pizza from Pizza Hut and didn’t get it, there’s a good chance he took your order from the kitchen table.

He was also dedicated to Park Corporation for 40 plus years, wearing many hats. Never afraid to get his hands dirty, whether it was working the roofs, painting the cranes and building, renovating an entire facility, traveling to other sites or managing from behind the desk. Whatever it took to get the job done. He had a business sense that just came naturally and took great pride in all he did.

There are many words to describe him, witty, sincere, caring, loving, honest, generous, kind, humble, proud, wise, but most of all, he was just an amazing, one of a kind man to know and love and he will be missed beyond measure.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 26, 2020 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor James Dennis officiating. Burial will be in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes

The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to either Kanawha Hospice at 1606 Kanawha Boulevard West, Charleston WV 25387 or Cleveland Clinic/Philanthropy Institute PO Box 931517 Cleveland OH 44193-1655.

You may visit John’s tribute page at [BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com](http://BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave.,  
St. Albans is honored to serve the Whitney family.

# Cemetery Details

## Tyler Mountain Memory Garden

5233 Rocky Fork Rd  
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
Saint Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325

## Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear James and family, There was no one like your Dad and Mom. God gave all of us a gift knowing them and having witnessed the love and kindness they both gave us all. John was married to Cheryl for 49 years and they are together in heaven with our lord for eternity. I first met John in the early 70s when he first started working with my Dad Raymond Park and brother Dan. John was renovating some of the buildings at the Charleston Ordinance Center and he walked up to me and said hello Patrick I'm John. He was covered from head to toe with white paint and had a smile that would make anyone happy. That was my first impression of John, a kind and considerate man who's business talents were as wide as that smile. My Dad always said there was no one smarter than John with so many abilities and he was part of our family. He came to one of our Dads birthdays even while not feeling the best but we all sat and John told stories about so many funny memories of us working together. That was John, he made everyone feel at ease and he was fun to be around. The Park family loves you John and someday we will all see you again. God Bless You.

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**Patrick Park** - October 26, 2020 at 02:38 AM

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“ I am so grateful for the four days I spent with you in St. Albans in August. We shared out memories of Scott and I living in WV in 70's near you, Cheryl, Jamie & Johnny. We laughed and cried together. One thing we both enjoyed was telling the kids (Jamie & Sarah) stores of the three of us in our younger days. They looked shocked at some I told - John would look at them and say "true that really happened".

Again I was there at the beginning when John Arthur Whitney came into The Emerson Family and his journey began. I have no sad stories to tell about John not getting along with Mom, Dad or Me, he just fit right in with us. Our Dad was so very proud of him through the years.

John, now that you are with Cheryl, please know that Scott and I will always be there Jamie. He is and will be loved forever.

Love Forever,  
Shirley Emerson

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Shirley Petro - October 25, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Arthur Whitney.



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October 24, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Arthur Whitney.*



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October 24, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Arthur Whitney.*



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October 23, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Arthur Whitney.*



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October 22, 2020 at 12:47 PM