



JOHN F. WHITMAN

December 14, 2020

John F. Whitman, 69, of Apple Valley, CA (born in Dayton, Ohio), went to the “big glass shop in the sky” on December 14, 2020 when his courageous battle against cancer came to an end.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruth. He is survived by his siblings Michael (Susan), Fredrick (Ellen), Reynold (Pamela), Donna (Richard), and James; his daughters Lisa (Robert) and Lynn (Jaime); and his grandchildren Jacob, Adrien, and Bailey.

John played baseball and football in his youth and continued to play for Moorpark High School until he graduated in 1969. He was drafted to the Army after high school and served in Vietnam until 1972. When he returned home from the Army, he pursued his college education in hospitality management and went on to manage several restaurants, including a few Carrow’s restaurants, while in his twenties. In the mid 1980’s, John went into the glass business with brother Michael. In 1987, John earned his contractor’s license in glazing and started his own glass and mirror company. In 1995, he became a shower door salesman for Alumax/Alcoa and earned the Salesman of the Year award twice before leaving the company in 2003. John continued to focus on his glass business, which experienced sustained success due to his strong work ethic, attention to detail, communication skills, and dedication to customer service and satisfaction.

John loved meeting new people, camping, and traveling. He finished three Los Angeles marathons as well as countless other runs for various charities.

He was a sincerely generous man who would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it, as long as you like navy blue Carhartt shirts. He had a big heart and enjoyed sharing his success with his friends and family and helping those in need. His sense of humor and energetic personality made him a pleasure to be around. He made new friends everywhere he went. His appetite for adventure led him to visit many places around the world and experience exciting things. He was a man of honor, integrity, and dignity. He told the truth and kept his word. His loving, kind, outgoing, and straightforward nature made him an exceptional friend, coworker, boss, uncle, brother, grandfather, and father who will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of John Whitman.

Victor Valley Memorial Park and Mortuary

15609 11th Street

Victorville, Ca 92392

Saturday, September 11, 2021 @ 1pm

Previous Events

Service

SEP 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

VICTOR VALLEY MEMORIAL PARK & MORTUARY
15609 11TH STREET
VICTOVILLE, CA 92392

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *It was a pleasure to have worked with John both professionally and on the side. He helped me cope with issues on the personal side without judgment. I miss our calls and chats, but mostly I miss my friend.*

Matt - September 14, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of JOHN F. WHITMAN.*



August 30, 2021 at 08:16 PM

HO

“ *I've known John since 1985. Over the years I bought dozens of shower doors and mirrors from him. I referred him to everybody I knew because he was the best glazer bar none. We made each other laugh and I always looked forward to seeing him on one of my jobs. I am greatly saddened by his passing.*

Howard - August 14, 2021 at 11:27 PM

AH

“ *I had the pleasure if working with John for quite sometime. He was always there when you needed him. I'm proud to say he was a friend.*

Adam Herrera - June 02, 2021 at 07:00 PM

LW

Thank you Adam

Lynn Whitman - June 11, 2021 at 11:24 PM

DM

Cats and dogs living in sin. What's up with that? I miss my brother John.

Donna Mestas - July 01, 2021 at 04:11 PM

JW

I worked with John when he was a sales rep for Alumax / Alcoa. I was in Arkansas but made frequent trips to California. I always enjoyed my time with John, especially making sales calls on his customers. It was uplifting to see what a strong personal relationship that John had with virtually every one of his customers. He was a true professional at everything he did. It was a sad day when he left the company to open his own shop again but we stayed in contact and I saw him a few times over the years. If Jesus has a shower door it is now adjusted, clean and completely leak proof.

James Whitefield - August 15, 2021 at 11:04 AM

JH

Unfortunately we will not be able to attend John's service because we are out of town until late September. John and I enjoyed several football games, cheering our favorite teams on. I will miss his comments for his FAVORITE teams. I also knew John in a landlord/tenant relationship. John was excellent in this business setting. I am so sorry for our loss of a fine human being.

Dean and Sheri Hane, Palm Desert

J. Dean Hane - September 10, 2021 at 10:02 PM