



## Melvin J. Whittaker

August 24, 1950 - July 2, 2019

Melvin “Mervz” J. Whittaker, 68, of Fond du Lac, passed away on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at his residence, with his family by his side.

He was born on August 24, 1950, in Fond du Lac, the son of Louis and Dorothy (Faul) Whittaker. Mel worked his way through high school at S.S. Kresges. Mel was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam. On July 25, 1970, he married Kathy Emery at St. Patrick’s Church in Fond du Lac. They would have celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary on July 25.

Mel loved his ’49 Chev and going to the vintage car shows throughout the Midwest. He also enjoyed his MG convertible, weather permitting. Coin collecting was a passion. He also traveled to the Milwaukee Admiral Hockey games with his nephew Ryan. Mel enjoyed the time spent with nieces and nephews. He attended as many sporting events as he could. He loved seeing them grow to the special adults they are now. The great nieces and nephews are incredible kids. Mel will truly miss their adventures into adulthood.

Mel wanted to thank his brother Bill, sister in-law, Evie and their kids Traci, Tara, Todd and Dawn for always including us as if we were all one big family. Mel had a great many memories with them. Mel tried not to have favorites (Traci) but their bond was undeniable.

He is survived by his wife of 49 GREAT years, Kathy Whittaker, six brothers: Tom (Jan), Bill (Evie), Dave, Bob (Susie), Carl (Pat), Randy (Connie); four sisters: KT (Jim) Stephany, Diane (Joe) Ule, Nancy (Oscar) Pfeiffer, Carol/Lu (Tom) Carlson; sister in-law: Mary (Monty) Nelson; numerous and the best nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Kathy's parents Ray and Rose Emery, sisters, Janet and Jean, niece, Tammy, nephew, Bradley, sister in-law Janice and her husband Marv.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Monday, July 8, 2019, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Church of Peace, 158 South Military Road, Fond du Lac.

FUNERAL: Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at Church of Peace, with Rev. Jack Kraaz officiating. Military graveside services to be conducted by Trier-Puddy Post #75. Burial will take place at Rienzi Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Mel would like donations sent to his Army Company: Delta 4/31 Base Camp, 196th, LIB-RVN c/o Vance Van Wieren, 6654 122nd Ave., Fennville, MI 49408.

# Cemetery Details

## Rienzi Cemetery

Fond du Lac, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of Peace  
158 South Military Road  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Our Deepest Condolences to Kathy and Family for Their Loss! Skip & Lynn Woodruff*

Lynn Woodruff - July 04, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin J. Whittaker.*



July 03, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ *I have never met Mel personally, but what I have heard about him says a lot. A true family man. May he now rest in peace and watch over his family. My condolences and prayers are with the entire family.*



*Cary Mueller*

Cary Mueller - July 03, 2019 at 09:47 AM

VS

“ I will always remember the beautiful glass work Mel did. I was blessed to receive several of his creations as gifts during my time with the family. They still and will always be on display in my home.

A second sweet memory I have is when Mel refurbished a two wheel bike and gave it to my son Bradly, his nephew, for his 6th. Birthday on June 4th., 1982. Bradly was so happy and proud of that gift that he rode it almost non-stop for the next month up to his death on July 3rd., 1982. I find it interesting that Mel and Bradly passed just one day apart from each other only 37 years later. I believe there is a 4th. of July celebration going on in Heaven for both of them.

With fond remembrances and my deepest sympathy,

Virginia (Ginny) Sampson

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Virginia Sampson - July 03, 2019 at 01:46 AM

JB

“ Prayers and thoughts to Kathy and the whole Whittaker family. Mel was one of a kind, always smiling through all his trials. May he join Jeannie and the rest of the family in heaven. No more pain just peace. Norm & Judie Behnke

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judie behnke - July 02, 2019 at 11:44 PM

VW

“ I am saddened by the passing of my good friend and Brother in Arms Mel Whittaker. Mel and I did not serve at the same time in Vietnam but my search of Delta - 4/31 Veterans brought me to Mel and we soon became best buds. Mel was the most kind and giving Delta Veteran of over 500 guys that I found in my search and I will miss him.

*Job well done Soldier, Rest in Peace !!!*

*Vance Van Wieren Delta - 4/31st. 196th. LIB. RVN*

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**Vance Van Wieren** - July 02, 2019 at 11:25 PM