



## Ben Whited

July 11, 1938 - April 3, 2023

Ben Eugene Whited, 84 of Higginsville, Missouri passed away on Monday, April 3, 2023, after a brief and difficult battle with mesothelioma. He was born July 11, 1938 in a farm house located in Burlington Junction, Nodaway County Missouri, to the late Cecil Whited and the late Ruby (Poe) Whited. He was a Christian and believer in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, faithfully reading the bible and baptized in 1985. He was also a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was a 1957 Class President, "H" Club Vice President, Honorable Mention All-Conference Football, and graduated from Higginsville High School.

Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserves and served his country proudly until 1963. Ben started his adult work career in February 1963 as a proud pipefitter in Local Union 533, retiring in 2000. He paved the way for both his son Aaron (Tony), and grandson Garrett, both members of Local Union 533.

Ben was a feisty, intelligent and ambitious man, always pursuing a project or venture. He was an auctioneer and certified land appraiser. Ben also owned and operated a farm raising and selling hogs. He was an avid gardener, loved hunting, fishing, trapping and collecting arrowheads. He was very talented making handcrafted bow and arrows. He remained active and industrious up to his cancer diagnosis.

Ben left a huge footprint on numerous lives, and will never be forgotten.

Surviving are his beloved twenty year companion, Katherine Keaton of

Higginsville; two sons, Tony (Sherlyn) Whited of Leawood, KS and Michael Whited of Columbia, MO; one daughter, Monica Whited of Warrensburg, MO; four grandchildren, Garrett (Brianna) Whited of Warrensburg, Heather (Bryce) McMillin of Warrensburg, Matthew and Mark Harbaugh of Olathe, KS; and two great-grandsons. He is also survived by Marjorie Joan Whited, his former wife and mother of their children. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Carl and Lester Whited.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 7, 2023 at the Higginsville City Cemetery with Pastor Ed Pearson, longtime friend and classmate, officiating. Casket bearers will be his sons and grandsons.

# Cemetery Details

## City Cemetery

2275-2491 Lipper Ave.  
Higginsville, MO 64037

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ben Whited*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Ben Whited*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Ben Whited*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to see this Monica ❤️ thoughts and prayers for you all*  
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**Janet Hoeflicker** - April 22, 2023 at 01:25 PM



“ *Ben was the kind of who was a friend to most people that knew him. He always was good to me even when I was an apprentice . He will be missed .*

**william berg** - April 07, 2023 at 11:13 AM

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“ By the time I finished my first weld of the day, Ben had the whole project and day planned out. He laid it all out to me and when he finished telling me how we were going to tackle this AHU piping project, I used all my new apprentice knowledge and chimed in. I offered some suggestions on how I thought we should do the job. Ben took a deep breath as I spoke, obviously taking in everything I was throwing down. I was encouraged by the serious look on Ben's face, as he patiently listened to all I had to say. He really seemed to be catching my vibe and I was feeling confident. When I finished, he thought about all I said for about 2.5 seconds and asked if I knew what the ugliest thing was in 533. I sensed I had overstepped my 3rd year apprentice boundaries and sheepishly answered, 'No I don't know Ben'. "A welder with his hood up, now tack it", he commanded! I did, and offered no more opinions...that day :) I've often thought of Ben over the years, and will miss the old singing Pipefitter! RIP Ben

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**Frank Krat** - April 07, 2023 at 10:14 AM

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*I had the privilege & honor of working with & around Ben. A true brother. many good memories. will see Ben on the other side. P.D. Crow*

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**P.D. CROW** - April 10, 2023 at 10:48 AM