



## Wayne Whitaker

December 14, 1951 - April 20, 2017

Wayne Whitaker, 65 of Higginsville, Missouri died on Thursday, April 20, 2017, at his home.

Born Friday, December 14, 1951 in Warrensburg, Missouri, he was the son of the late Lee Whitaker and the late Ruth Schlekau Whitaker.

He lived most of his life in Higginsville and was a graduate of the class of 1969 at Lafayette Co. C-1 High School. He married Eva Hix Whitaker on September 12, 1981 and she survives of the home. He was an active member of Salem United Church of Christ . Wayne was employed with Lafayette CO. C-1 School District for over 30 years. During that time he had the opportunity to interact with the students, many of them have fond memories of him. The many years he worked there he has met and seen a lot of children grow up. His presence will be missed by all at the schools.

Surviving are his wife Eva; two daughters, Candi Engle of Higginsville and Jennie (Mike) Burkemper of Independence, MO; two sisters, Norma Whitaker and Martha Durtschi both of Independence; four grandchildren, Caitlin Engle, A.J. Engle, Jacob Tripp and Karsyn Burkemper. Memorial contributions may be sent to Salem United Church of Christ .

He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Leona Whitaker.

There will be a private scattering of cremains at a later date.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.hoeferfuneralhome.com](http://www.hoeferfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wayne Whitaker*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Wayne Whitaker*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Wayne Whitaker*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Wayne Whitaker*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

**Jolene Vereecke** - June 29, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ *Sorry for your lost , Eva and family . WE will miss his laugh an funny stories.*

**Wayne an Amber Fiegenbaum** - June 29, 2018 at 08:31 AM

VG

“ Deepest condolences Eva and to your family. Think of you often. Keep your strength in God at your side. Stay close to your family for strength. Give me a call if you would like to get together sometime. Prayers continue strength and guidance. Luv ya Venita

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**Venita Gilkey** - June 29, 2018 at 08:31 AM

KW

“ So sorry to hear of ur loss Eva prayers for u and ur family

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**Ksthy Gilkey williams** - June 29, 2018 at 08:31 AM

LF

“ Eve I am so sorry for your lose. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Lana Frerking** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM

MB

“ I just want to say thank you Wayne for everything you did for me & my children during your time @ Lafayette County C-1. I appreciated your caring heart and genuine personality! A good teasing and an honest smile always brightened my days! Light bulbs in the ag building were your specialty and I could always count on you when I had some special request! I ask for comfort of your grieving loved ones and may we all find the love & peace you now have with our Lord in heaven! Some day I'll finally sit down & we will have that glass of wine.

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**Melisa Bertz** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss Eva. Wayne will truly be missed by all. From a old friend and high school neighbor.

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**Sammy Wade** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM

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**Sammy Wade** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM

LT

“ eva so sorry to hear of your loss i know your faith will help you through

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**lois turner** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM

SB

“ Norma and Martha,I am so sorry and shocked to see Wayne's obit on Hoefer's web site. I was looking for Kathy's. She passed away on Monday up at St Luke's. She had a heart pump put in about 5 years ago and she has been bad for the last 2 years. They lived in Concordia. Just so sorry about Wayne!! Love to you both!! Wayne looks just like your dad!!

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**Susan Bowland** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM

AS

“ My thoughts and prayers go to Wayne's family. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great friend and co-worker and will be missed by all.

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**Angie Shockley** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM

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“ Sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. We were neighbors on the farm and remember a photo of us riding tricycle together.

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**Amy Young. (Gash)** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM

TH

“ So sorry to hear of your passing. I am glad we got to catch up a little in March and was looking forward to seeing you next week. I have very fond memories of growing up neighbors and belonging to FFA together. I will miss you my friend. My sincere condolences to your wife Eva and your children....

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**Terry Harms** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM

DR

“ So sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. I remember how quiet and shy he as in school, but was always smiling. My oldest son met him while doing some construction work on the school a few years ago. He thought Wayne was a great guy. So sorry for your loss.

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**Dean Jennings Russell** - April 28, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ Eva I am so sorry for your loss. I will pray for you and your family.Pam

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April 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM