



Rhett Whitley

December 10, 1964 - September 16, 2018

Rhett Whitley Obituary

Rhett Phillips Whitley, age 53, of Pelham, Georgia passed away on Sunday, September 16, 2018. Rhett was born on December 10, 1964. He was a graduate of Ravenwood Academy Class of 1983. He attended both Valdosta State University and Florida State University and graduated with a Business Degree and a Masters Degree in Special Education. Rhett was an avid hunter, fisherman and enjoyed spending time with family, friends and his canine companion, Tater. He was known for his contagious personality and charm. He was loved by all who knew him and was a friend to all.

Rhett is preceded in death by his son Hunter Whitley, his Mother Gail Phillips Harry of Pelham, Georgia, his grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Willard Rhett Whitley of Pelham, Georgia and his Grandmother Mrs. Louise Phillips of Newton, Georgia.

He is survived by his father and stepmother Mr. and Mrs. Lane Whitley of Moultrie, Georgia, his sister Mrs. Lyndsey Whitley Harrell (Michael) of Chicago, Illinois, his brother Mr. Richie Sloan of Moultrie, Georgia, his sister Shae Sloan Suber (Michael) of Warner Robins, Georgia, nephews Mr. Pate Suber of Warner Robins, Georgia, Mr. Chance Suber (Miriam) of Oceanside, California and nieces Miss Bricelyn Sloan of Moultrie, Georgia and Miss Caelyn Suber of Warner Robins, Georgia and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held this Thursday, September 20, 2018 at Hidden Pond in Hinsonton, Georgia. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Reverend Wayne Woods and Reverend Julian Griner officiating. A reception will be held following the service. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Hidden Pond is located at 564 Liberty Hill Road Hinsonton, Georgia 31765.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting memorial contributions be made to the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association. This organization creates reefs for fishing in the Gulf of Mexico which was one of Rhett's passions. You can donate to MBARA in two ways. One, you can mail a check payable to MBARA with a memo stating "In Memory of Rhett Whitley." Second, you can visit the MBARA website at www.mbara.org and select the "Donate Here" icon and include a memo stating "In Memory of Rhett Whitley."

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to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Rhett Whitley, please visit our floral store.

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BB

“ I had lost contact with Rhett after he moved from Moultrie, I was saddened to hear of his passing. He will always be remembered. Thank you for your friendship.

Bert Booth - February 07, 2021 at 06:19 PM

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“ Rhett Whitley

Bert Booth - February 07, 2021 at 06:15 PM

JB

“ My wife Celeste and me were deeply disturbed to hear the news about Rhett! He was a great friend of ours and spent quite some time with our family, on our boat and at our fish camp with both the dogs. We are praying for your family as you get through this unfortunate time. I've created a photo album open to public on my Facebook page and have made it available for friends to post picture of Rhett! We will miss him terribly, it feels as if the living world has just lost one of its best. We also agree with John Kennedy that the selection of the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association as a memorial option for Rhett couldn't be more fitting. WE love the area and time spent there with Rhett Joe & Celeste Bendis

Joe & Celeste Bendis - September 21, 2018 at 10:57 AM

JK

“ I'm very sorry I was unable to attend the celebration of Rhett's life. I had the blessing of meeting Rhett a number of years ago on a fishing trip and we made several more great trips together before his health declined. Though our time together was limited to a number of days, he was such a genuinely good man that he instantly felt like a close friend. I don't know that I ever met someone easier to get along with. The selection of the Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association as a memorial option for Rhett couldn't be more fitting. As many friends dearly loved him, I can't even begin to imagine the sense of loss now felt by family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

John Kennedy - September 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM

LI

“ Rhett and I never had opportunity to meet in person. He was a social media friend. But a friend indeed. We had many conversations about my special needs son, Farm life, his love for animals and definitely his love for Tater. He seemed like a unique guy.. with a pure heart made of compassion and love for his family and friends. I am saddened with the news of his passing. Deepest sympathy to all who knew and loved him.

Lisa - September 19, 2018 at 11:43 PM

MH

“ To my old roommate back in the day. I will always remember our last fishing trip before I moved to Charlotte. I distinctly remember looking up and seeing nothing but pitch black skies with a severe storm on the verge of pouncing on us. As I screamed we need to get out of here and fast, you looked at the depth finder and screamed back "look at all these fish" and decided to stay for a bit and try our luck. Well luck was definitely on our side that day and I still do not know how we made it back in one piece, but we did. It's times like these we always remember and especially the people we are with. This was just one of many, and they all were as memorable as this one. Rest my friend, and I pray for healing for your family and all your friends you left behind, myself included.

Mark Heidemann - September 19, 2018 at 10:56 AM