



## Jerry L. Whitcomb

July 13, 1930 - November 25, 2015

Jerry L. Whitcomb, 85, of Indianapolis, went to be with the Lord in Heaven on November 25, 2015. He was born July 13, 1930 to the late James E. and Helen Whitcomb. Jerry served his country in the U.S. Army and was employed as a Lithographer for 40 years. He retired from Litho Press in 1992. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #404 F. & A. M., New Palestine; and very active in the Graphic Arts International Union. He loved and served God, and his country, and was a member of Little Zion Baptist Church.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 28, 2015 from 12 noon until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Molly Whitcomb; children, Donnie Richie (Cheryl), Gale Turner, Lana Hitchcock (Rick), Dr. Melissa Brock (David), Tammy Whitcomb, Edward Simpson (Kathy) and Jessica Law (Rick); grandchildren Jason Richie, Chris Richie, Jimmy Richie, Toby Turner, Tracy Vincent, Michael J. Atkins, Marci Atkins, Brandy Brock, Justin Simpson, Tara Simpson, Danielle Myrtle, Tristan Myrtle, and Chase Simpson; great grandchildren, Roger Cox, Micah Cox, Marissa Cox, Makyle Cox, Reece Atkins, Montana Cobb, Justisse Garrett, Mylee Simpson, Myanna Cobb, Aiden Simpson, Faith Simpson, and Amylah Folsom.

Jerry's first wife, Dorothy Whitcomb, three brothers Charles Whitcomb, James Whitcomb, Gene Whitcomb, sister Mildred "Sis" Webb, granddaughter,

Jocelynn Myrtle; and two grandsons Scott Turner and Parke Everett, preceded him in death.

Jerry's father posed for a statue on Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis when James was a small boy. The statue still stands on Monument Circle today.

Jerry was born on July 13th, 1930 at General Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. He was born "legally blind". Only being able to see shadows, Helen took him to Riley Children's Hospital to have an operation that would hopefully allow him to gain his eyesight. He was one of the first children to ever have this surgery at Riley. The surgery was successful. The first thing he saw when he looked out of his hospital room window was a Coca-Cola sign and he memorized every word on the sign.

Jerry grew up on Danner's Farm, the founders of Danner's Five and Dime stores, in Traders Point where he and his three brothers, Charles, James and Gene and his sister Sis lived with their parents. They worked and lived on the farm as a family. Growing up he enjoyed, and was very good at, roller skating. He was a speed- skater champion. In competitions, he would usually always take home the trophy.

Jerry attended Arsenal Tech High School and graduated in 1948. He then went on to join the United States Army and served from 1950-1953. During his 3-year enlistment he was stationed in Germany and also served our country in the Korean War. He chose not to reenlist because his mother was ill so he came home to care for her.

After returning from the service, he started his career in the printing business. Starting out at Success Printing and retired from Litho Press in 1992. He was an excellent and very skilled Lithographer. Jerry was an active member in the Graphic Arts International Union. He was an Executive Board Officer and Chief Shop Steward.

Jerry saved money he had earned while serving in the Army and went into partnership as owner of a service station. This is where he acquired his obsession for auto racing. He attended the Indianapolis 500 every year for

several years. He was also a huge NASCAR and Jeff Gordon fan.

Jerry also loved water skiing. He would perform many stunts and jump ramps with and without his water skis. He loved boating and spending time on the water with his family. Jerry loved the Indianapolis Colts. He enjoyed watching University of Kentucky Basketball.

In later years Jerry was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Dementia. He received exceptional 24-hour care from his loving and devoted wife Molly at home until he went home to be with the Lord.

The family extends a very sincere and heartfelt thank you to many of the people who shared in his journey and provided care and support physically, emotionally, and spiritually. They are all such a blessing not just for our family, but for all the patients and families they care for. They give from the heart and are so dedicated in their service to our Lord by serving others.

Julie Shewmake RN Hospice Nurse

Paula Mathews RN Hospice Nurse

Ariel Sargent RN Hospice Nurse

Stacy Fiddler RN Hospice Nurse

Allisah Downing RN Hospice Nurse

Angie Clark LPN Hospice Nurse

Rachelle Hannah RN Hospice Nurse

Amanda Neucks RN Hospice Nurse

Leslie Walls RN Hospice Nurse

Sandy Motts RN Hospice Nurse

Kasie Rogers CNA and family friend

Rosetta Williams CNA Hospice

Lindsey Day CNA Hospice

Karen Godfrey-Choate Hospice Social Worker

Lisa Almon Hospice Social Worker

Gary Scott Hospice Chaplain

Ronald May Hospice Chaplain

Sarah Ryan Hospice NP

Tanya Smith PA, Darlene Newell NP, Stephanie Bryant-Lipp NP Grace at Home Providers, Tammy Browning Owner, and the wonderful office staff.

Dawn Selke Director of Provider Relations Hospice

Shana Simpson Warui, a very special family member and precious gift from God.

Jerry was loved by many and shared his wonderful love of faith, family, and friends with many people. We will celebrate his life and thank God for all the cherished memories until we all reunite in Heaven for eternity.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

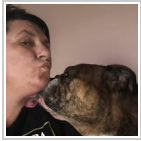
Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
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(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you Paw!*



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**Marci Cobb** - December 18, 2015 at 09:08 PM

LI

“ *I was so very lucky to have gotten to take care of this wonderful man and get to know his wife Molly and daughter Melissa. RIP Jerry*  
❤️ *My condolences to all the family as well.*

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**Lindsey** - November 28, 2015 at 06:45 PM

DR

“ *Donna Ray lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Whitcomb*



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**Donna Ray** - November 28, 2015 at 07:04 AM

PH

“ *I had the pleasure of living with uncle Jerry and aunt Molly and I never laughed so hard. I was lucky enough to get to go to the 500 race with Uncle Jerry we had a great time and he made the best spaghetti. RIP Uncle Jerry and thanks for being a part of our family. We love you.*



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**Pam Hudson** - November 28, 2015 at 05:19 AM

TK

“ Jerry , I remember the day you drove off you're drive way in the snow you were always such a witty man. You were the dad I didn't have you treated me like you're own thank you, you are so very missed but always in my heart

Tracy Kerns - November 28, 2015 at 05:12 AM

NC

“ Nancy Coffman lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Whitcomb



Nancy Coffman - November 28, 2015 at 01:05 AM

BR

“ There are so many memories of Uncle Jerry, the vibrancy of being in their home growing up, summers swimming at the pool...learning from Jerry not to irritate the dog Turbo. Uncle Jerry was the first person I ever remember seeing with a tattoo, and I used to think that meant he had secrets! Sitting on the sun porch listening to the grown folks talk and learning how to play poker drinking iced tea, that is one of my strongest memories while the trains went by. RIP Jerry, we will see you there one day again. ?

Breanna - November 27, 2015 at 08:37 PM

DB

“ Dr. Melissa Brock lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Whitcomb



Dr. Melissa Brock - November 27, 2015 at 04:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - November 27, 2015 at 04:15 PM

DB

*Tears of Joy and celebration, Thank You Jesus!*

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**Dr, Melissa Brock** - November 27, 2015 at 05:58 PM

PS

*So sorry for your loss, he was truly loved and now rests in the comfort of our lord Jesus Christ.*

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**pam (fields) shipley** - November 27, 2015 at 08:35 PM

SS

“ *Sue (Whitcomb) & Joe Smith purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Jerry L. Whitcomb.*



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**Sue (Whitcomb) & Joe Smith** - November 27, 2015 at 12:31 PM

RH

“ Uncle Jerry was amazing man, I loved him dearly. Never did I see him without a smile on his face and his laughter was contagious. So many memories that the pages and words would be endless.

He had love for so many, took on any challenge to help someone and let everyone else 'do their own thing' and he just sat back and watched the show. I know he is laughing as he is reading this posting.

Thank you for the 'need for speed' from taking me for rides on your motorcycle, lean with me Rhonda Sue, lean, to countless rides in the boat.

Forever will you be in my heart and in my memories.

And don't forget.....when I sit next to you at the table.....I will stomp on your foot when you have had enough to eat.....



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**Rhonda Hail** - November 27, 2015 at 10:21 AM

CS

“ Chrissy Slusher lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Whitcomb



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**Chrissy Slusher** - November 26, 2015 at 06:50 PM

DB

“ Too many special memories to list. God blessed us abundantly over the years with the best Dad, Husband, Grandpa, Uncle, Friend, etc. anyone could ever have. He will be spending Thanksgiving with Jesus. The Lord is faithful and we are thankful.

Dr. Melissa Brock

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**Dr. Melissa Brock** - November 25, 2015 at 06:21 PM