



## Rex Brian Whitaker

October 5, 1953 - January 17, 2023

Rex Brian Whitaker,

69, of Indianapolis, passed away January 17, 2023. He was born October 5, 1953 in Whiteland, Indiana to the late Francis D. and Alice L. Flinn Whitaker.

Rex was a graduate of Whiteland High School and attended Vincennes University. He married Marilyn S. May, March 14, 1981, and was a welder for Arvin Automotive for over 35 years. After retiring, he was a custodian for Franklin Township School Corporation for 11 years, retiring in 2019.

Rex was a member of Zion United Church of Christ. He enjoyed fishing at the May family cabin, panning for gold in Arizona and watching IU Basketball.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Zion United Church of Christ, 8916 East Troy Avenue, Indianapolis.

Rex is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Marilyn S. Whitaker. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Christina Whitaker; and brother, Daniel Whitaker.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Zion United Church of Christ.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel. [www.shirleybrothers.com](http://www.shirleybrothers.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Acton Cemetery

7901 Acton Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46259

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Zion United Church of Christ  
8916 East Troy Avenue  
IN, IN 46239

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Rex was just a great guy for multiple reasons. I will miss our chats and getting to see him, but we shared so many memories and life events.*

*I'm honored to have called him my cousin and friend.*

*Much love to Marilyn~*



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**Terry (Whitaker) West** - January 21, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex Brian Whitaker.*



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January 20, 2023 at 06:10 AM

KS

“ Rex wore many "hats" throughout his life. He was a wonderful and dedicated father, husband, brother, son and friend. He was accepting and friendly to all and never met a stranger! He was a hard worker, a joker, a lover of nature, and a storyteller. His laughter and smile were infectious and his joyful spirit shined through even during the darkest times. It was amazing how he could give the comfort and advice of a "wise old man" and the next minute he could be giggling and connect with children - and even don a pink cowboy hat! He will be missed, but his joy and legacy will live on in the hearts of many! \*\*\*\* Thank you Rex for being my friend, for loving me and my children, for loving my dear friend Marilyn, for sharing laughter and tears, and for making our world a brighter place. Give Christina a big hug and know that Marilyn will be wrapped in the love and support of friends and family - oh and save some gold for the rest of us to pan in heaven! Rest in peace Rex. Love you!



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**Kelly Smith** - January 19, 2023 at 10:53 AM

TL

“ Lots of childhood memories.  
RIP Cuz. 💔😞

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**Trish Melton Lewis** - January 19, 2023 at 09:57 AM

DC

“ 1 file added to the album photos



David N Cherry - January 18, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rex Brian Whitaker.



January 18, 2023 at 11:56 AM

SP

“ Seems like I've known Marilyn and Rex forever. Worked with Rex forever. They both are wonderful people. Marilyn, I can't imagine. My heart is with you always. Bob Newkirk, you take care of both Sandy and Marilyn. I know you can and will do it! Love you guys!!!

sherri pullen - January 18, 2023 at 05:19 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rex Brian Whitaker.



January 17, 2023 at 08:06 PM

JF

“ Rex was an awesome, caring individual and always there to help staff and students in every way needed. I was also blessed to have his sweet daughter in kindergarten at Acton. He and Marilyn were wonderful loving supportive parents who raised their young daughter who even at a young age realized the importance of having a personal relationship with Christ and invited me( her teacher) to come to her church.I admired the strength and courage Rex and Marilyn had during Christina’s illness and passing. I know Rex is now reunited with his little girl and celebrating with our Lord. Prayers for you Marilyn.

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**Janet Fiddler** - January 17, 2023 at 07:43 PM

JB

“ I worked Rex at Acton Elementary. He was a joy to work with. His positive attitude was contagious as was his faith in God. He enjoyed being around children and always had a positive word or smile to share. He loved to talk about fishing, his family and his favorite pastime gaming. He will be much missed. The world has lost a bright beacon that shined for God. Big hugs- Julie Baker

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**julie Baker** - January 17, 2023 at 07:42 PM

SS

“ Oh the fun and laughter we shared in Euchre Club with Rex will remain with Paul and myself forever. Loved you Rex!

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**Sue Streets** - January 17, 2023 at 07:08 PM

TO

“ I've known rex since 2008. We worked together, he is a very nice person. He loved when I would make certain cakes and bring them to work, especially the chocolate eclair cake. He will be sadly missed.

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**Tonda** - January 17, 2023 at 06:50 PM

BO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Bobbie** - January 17, 2023 at 06:34 PM

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*Lunch in Fort Myers. Good food and happy times!*

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**Bobbie** - January 17, 2023 at 06:35 PM

AL

*great man, we worked at arvins together, he was a hard worker, we used to run around together,, prayers for the family,*

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**albert lynn** - January 17, 2023 at 08:43 PM

BE

“ *When we were little, Christina and I would always joke about Rex's big tummy. He told us he accidentally ate a watermelon seed one time and since then his tummy kept getting bigger and bigger. Still to this day, I laugh silently every time I eat watermelon. Thank you for being a part of my childhood and being the world's best dad to my best friend. I know you are up there dancing and singing with Christina. Give her a huge hug for all of us.*



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**Becky** - January 17, 2023 at 06:06 PM