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David Whittington, PhD, 53, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2008, in Fayetteville. He was born in Berea, Ohio, the son of Richard Murphy and Eileen (Cooney) Whittington. He attended Fairwood ES, Berea, Ohio, Woodbury JHS and Shaker Heights High School, Shaker Heights, Ohio; he received his BS, in Geology at the University of North Carolina in 1977, his MSc, in Geology from the University of Alabama in 1982, and his PhD, in Geology at Florida State University in 1988. He worked in the area of Industrial Health Safety at the VA Medical Center here in Fayetteville and was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish. He is survived by his father and step-mother, Dr. Richard M. and Joan Lewis Whittington of Gainesville, FL, one brother, Dr. Richard Whittington of Media, PA, three sisters, Anne E. Whittington of San Diego, CA, Kathryn W. Enchelmayer of Chapel Hill, NC, Linda L. Ferguson of Port Orange, FL, three nephews, Richard C. Whittington and Daniel J. Whittington both of Media, PA, John I. Ferguson of Port Orange, FL, and two nieces, Sarah A. Whittington of Zachary, LA, Emma B. Ferguson of Port Orange, FL. He was preceded in death by his mother, Eileen C. Whittington. A rosary service in memory of Dr. Whittington will be held at 4:30 on Monday, September 8th, at St. Thomas Aquinas University Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to any of the following: 1) Doctors Without Borders at doctorswithoutborders.org, (888) 392-0392, or 333 7th Ave, 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10001, or 2) City of Fayetteville Animal Shelter, 1640 S. Armstrong Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72701, or 3) VA Medical Center, fund for special needs patients, Attn Volunteer Svc, 1100 N. College Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72703, or 4) St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish, 603 N. Leverett Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72701. To sign the online guest book go to www.nelsonberna.com Arrangements are by Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville.



JF

Joseph Corral (Friend) posted:

The Lord blessed Dave with the talent of music and a great intellect and he was a blessing to us here in Miami as he used those talents to serve our Lord and community in many great ways. His family should know that he was very valued and very well thought of down here and we miss him. We now pray for the repose of his soul and we offer up Dave and his Family up to our Lord in prayer and Thanksgiving for his life.

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LB

Luis E. Boue posted:

For many years I prayed with Dave at our Thursday Bible Study. He was missed when left for Arkansas and now is missed upon his return to our father. God bless Dave and his family. I know he playing his guitar for all of us.

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AC

Angel Fernandez (Brother In Christ) posted:

I am saddened by the passing of our brother Dave Whittington. I pray to the Lord to bless him and his family. He was very important in my Life. In my walk with God my first steps were through singing in Choir. First in prison then in St. Hugh. When I came to Emmaus, his music and songs touched me in a way that I will never forget. Then in Manny's house I listened to his wise words. He introduced me to C. S. Lewis and was one of my teachers during my confirmation. But the one thing that stands out in my mind most about him was his charity. He gave from his heart. A heart that had suffered and was broken. But a heart that I saw was lovingly being made stronger and fuller with God's loving hands. He taught me how to pray. To this day I pray using words that I first heard from his lips and heart. There are men and women that touch our lives in a very special way; Dave touched mine. I cherish his memory. I will pray to God to thank him for Dave's company, his words, songs and the sweet music from his guitar. YBIC Angel Fernandez

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JM

Jorge X. De Tuya (Fellow Musician) posted:

I served with Dave on several Emmaus retreats as team members and music ministers. We also served together when I was a sponsor for RCIA; that's where I really got to know Dave and his love for Christ. I found him to be a brilliant and kind man who spread the love of Christ to all whom he came in contact with. I am truly sorry for this loss, but our loss is God's gain. May Dave find rest in the glory and grace of God's love. Jorge

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BC

Bambam Hemrida (Friend - Brother In Christ) posted:

I love you my brother, with all my heart. Always with me!BamBam

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MM

Martin Alianelli (Brother-In-Music) posted:

Sweet friend, great brother, wonderful singer in Jesus, may your path be covered with beautiful flowers. I'll miss you. Until we meet again in Him.

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MF

Mickey Itchon (Friend) posted:

David and I played music while serving at retreats and prayer services here in Miami. Always soft spoken and with such a ready heart to serve, David inspired me to continue and grow in the music ministry here in Miami. I am proud to have known him and to have been inspired by his selfless service to others.

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ZW

Zach Webb posted:

Please accept my condolences on your loss. I met Dave through St. Thomas Aquinas. Dave was always willing to help those individuals new to the church, he would always put forth his time for others, and he was kind enough to be my sponsor to become a Catholic. Each week he would give his time as my sponsor, he would answer any questions I had about Catholicism, and he always made me comfortable through the process with his stories and extensive knowledge. Whether talking about teaching, writing, the life of a graduate student, or faith, Dave always had an interesting perspective and advice that I appreciate greatly.

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MW

Mrs. Louise Shawhan (Friend From Work) posted:

Dave will be very missed at the VA. He was well known for his unique bow-ties and friendly smile. We were blessed to have known him and we send our heartfelt condolences to his family. May God bless you as you travel this road.

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AW

Angela Truelove (Co Worker) posted:

Dave was such a smart & witty man. He was dedicated to his work at the VA, yet never too busy to stop and chat or answer my silly questions. I will miss his story telling and unique perspective on life. His family is in my thoughts and prayers- so sorry for your loss. Dave liked to address me by my first, middle and last name (because he knew I hated to hear my middle name)- I will miss that.-
Angela Dawn Truelove

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AR

Anna Mullis (Realtor) posted:

I had the pleasure of working with David to find his home. We wandered properties all around. He knew what he was looking for...to be near enough to work but far enough for a ride to a home that offered privacy and nature. I found him to be so intelligent, which was evident by his dry wit and big words that I would sometimes come home and look up the meaning. He was efficient, inquisitive and thorough. I am so saddened by his passing but privileged to have spent many hours hearing stories and learning lessons about trees, and rocks and geologic facts. My sincerest sympathy to his family. I will remember him well. Anna Mullis

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DO

Deborah Oxner posted:

I am so sorry for your family's loss. I am a new hire at the VA, and met Dr. Whittington thru the orientation process. He impressed me with his humor, knowledge, and kindness. He will be missed.

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VW

Virginia L. Elmore (Co-Worker) posted:

I did not know Dave well, but had the occasion to work on projects with him at the VA. Dave was knowledgeable, mild mannered and kind. He will be missed. I am sorry for your family's loss.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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