



Mr. Forrest L. Whittier

May 11, 1954 - April 7, 2021

Forrest L. Whittier left this world unexpectedly on April 7, 2021 at the age of 66. Born on May 11, 1954 in Charleston, South Carolina to R. Allison Powers Whittier and the late Reverend Arthur Livingston Whittier. He grew up in Columbia with his parents and three siblings.

After graduating from Eau Claire High School in 1972, Forrest moved to Lakeland, Florida to attend school at Southeastern Bible College. There he met his wife and best friend, Marilyn. Together, they had three children: Allison, Rebekah, and Daniel.

Forrest was a dedicated worker and father who never missed a school concert, baseball game, or church gathering. After his grandchildren were too big to be carried around, you could find him on the couch with one of his granddogs cuddled up beside him (ideally watching The Weather Channel). He also loved a good road trip whether it was across town or across state lines.

His sharp ability to remember facts and attention to detail were ideal skills for his career as a bookkeeper and tax preparer, and he most recently worked for Liberty Tax Services. He delighted in going to work and took great pride in his role as a team member. After moving back to Columbia, he also enjoyed reconnecting with his high school friends and making new ones at work and church.

Forrest is survived by his mother; children, Allison Hache (Shamil) of Fort Myers, FL, Rebekah Ruiz (Carlos) of Eustis, FL, and Daniel Whittier (Krissy) of Sahuarita, AZ; grandchildren, David Ruiz, Angel Ruiz, Elias Ruiz, Hannah Whittier; and an extended family that includes additional grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephew. He is also survived by his siblings and their families: Dale Whittier of Irmo, SC, Cheryl Sneigon (Bob) of Gilbert, SC, and Merritt Whittier (Lily) of Lexington, SC. Forrest was preceded in death by his father; and Marilyn, whom he missed deeply.

A graveside service for Mr. Whittier will be held 10 o'clock, Sunday, April 11, 2021, at

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family. All are invited to attend; however, masks are required, and social distancing is enforced to maintain a safe environment for all. A livestream may be viewed by visiting Forrest's tribute page at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](https://www.ShivesFuneralHome.com).

Events

APR **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

2603 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC, US, 29204

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - April 09 at 04:34 PM



“ My prayers and sympathy to Forrest's family. We were Class of '72 classmates at Eau Claire High School. My main memory of Forrest is that he always had a smile on his face. RIP brother.

RevCharles Roberts - April 21 at 06:25 AM



“ I have good memories of Forrest from school. We graduated the same year. I have memories of us going to church to services his father was doing. We had algebra in the afternoon. He gave us one of his kittens. We did some letter writing while he was in college and me in Navy. he was a very gentle kind soul. We got in contact these pass few years via FB. I remember that smile. My thoughts and prayers to his children and family. Keep the good and loving memories close to your heart and he will always shine through especially when you need it. Jeanille (Pugh) Rose

Jeanille Iris Rose - April 15 at 05:35 PM



“ I had the pleasure of work With Forrest at liberty tax. We were not always in the same but he made his rounds to all the offices. He always had big smile and a story to tell. He was a really nice person. He will be missed dearly. RIP Forrest God saw that you needed to rest. Condolences to his family.

Miriam Evans - April 13 at 12:47 AM



“ When I met u in 94 I didn't know you well, I wouldn't have really called us friends then. But, who knew? Oddly enough, we would run into each other 19yrs later, we did became friends. I believe people are put in our paths for a reason. I was happy you had just called me, you sounded so happy. I thought to myself " good for him". I feel so sad. It seemed you were doing so well, you were happy, a good job, and with your family. I am going to miss you my friend. May you rest easy in grace and love my friend.

Lisa Bell - April 11 at 11:16 AM



“ I had the opportunity to work with Forrest he was always there when needed. We worked side by side all summer in the offices. He will be missed. I will miss him randomly coming into the office just because. If I needed help he was always able and willing to help in anyway. My condolences to his family. May your memories help the heartbreak.

Lisa - April 11 at 10:34 AM



“ When Forrest spoke of his life with Marilyn before, during, and after rearing their children he had alot of happy memories of their life together. He missed her greatly after her passing.
He was a proud father and grandfather. He loved his family very much.

For me Forrest's life could be summed up from a line in the Apollo 13 movie. His life was a successful failure as he failed to achieve many of his life goals but succeed in being a loyal and caring man.



Cheryl Whittier Sniegon - April 10 at 04:42 PM



“ I will miss our daily conversations. I cannot count the number of times I have picked up the phone to ask you a question or to see how you are feeling that day. I am glad that we were able to speak on Friday. You are truly loved and missed, Sir.



Mona Cook - April 10 at 12:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Forrest L. Whittier.



April 10 at 10:32 AM



“ Forrest and I both graduated from Eau Claire High School and reconnected via Facebook, at a class reunion. After that he joined my brother and sister in law & myself at a Crosby, Stills & Nash concert and we saw each other at several EC Get Together's. He was always so nice. I'm glad he was able to meet many new Shamrock friends, and reconnect with others. He will be missed. Rest in peace my Shamrock friend.

Pat Butler Guffey - April 10 at 09:53 AM



“ Only met Forrest in January of this year and he made such an impact on my life. He was a great friend and coworker that didn't lose patience with me when I asked him a thousand tax questions. Just the way he was helpful and patient with everyone that came into the office. You will truly be missed my sweet friend.

Mikki Spigner - April 10 at 01:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Forrest L. Whittier.



April 10 at 09:42 AM



“ I had the opportunity to travel with Forrest five years ago just the two of us which gave us time to reminisce childhood memories as well as our life's milestones. He had a laid back approach to life but no matter what was going on he stayed upbeat. Forrest was a rare soul and will be greatly missed.



Cheryl Whittier Sniegon - April 09 at 07:06 PM