



# James Richard Whitaker

May 10, 1967 - March 7, 2021

In lieu of flowers, Memorials are Suggested to  
Kicks for a Cure, or PACE (Police Athletics for Community Engagement)

live stream available at <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1125633>

Whitaker, James R. "Jim" age 53 years of Bennington, NE

Survived by his wife Shelly; children Christofer Whitaker of Longmont, Colorado, Tanner Whitaker of Lincoln, Brinlee Whitaker of Omaha, Brayden Whitaker of Omaha and Breena Whitaker of Omaha; Parents Dick and Peggy Whitaker; siblings Mike and Michele Whitaker of Omaha, De and Tim Richards of Tigard, Oregon and Robert Whitaker of San Jose, California. Visitation Friday noon to 7 PM with family receiving friends from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home. Wake service at 7 PM. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday 1 PM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn. Memorials to . Condolences to [www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](http://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)

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Reichmuth Funeral Home

21901 W. Maple Rd. 402-289-2222

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home-Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

## Family will receive friends

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
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Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
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## Vigil

MAR 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home-Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
20405 W. Maple Rd.  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James Richard Whitaker*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - March 09, 2021 at 09:50 AM



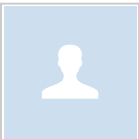
“ *James Richard Whitaker*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I will always think of Jim with his very sincere smile! He was a gracious, lovable man who always listened to you when you talked to him! I saw and talked to him and his loving wife, Shelly in July, 2021! We talked and shared a lot about his cancer journey because we had just lost Deb Gross, my dear sister friend to the same disease. He told me he was going to fight it with all he's got but in the end he told me that " whatever happens, it is God's plan and he will accept it. These were the very same words Deb said as she fought her courageous battle! So now they are visiting in their heavenly home and talking about the journey they both traveled. He had such an amazing outlook on life and was grateful to have his family beside him in this fight. Although he lost this battle, he left behind a legacy of faith and how to live life right and for God. He had a deep faith and he and Shelly raised their 5 beautiful children to also know God. God took another "good" one home! You will be missed, Jim! Love you!*

Anna M Mills - March 13, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James Richard Whitaker.*



March 13, 2021 at 12:40 AM

KB

“ We are so incredibly sorry about Jim’s passing. He was such a nice man who was so proud of his family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Doug, Kris and Ryan Brown

Kris Brown - March 12, 2021 at 11:08 PM

CS

“ Always a pleasure to work with.  
Always on an even keel.  
Always ready to help others  
Now, always in the memories of so many.

You were not one to toot your own horn, but I hope that the engineer (Holy Spirit) lets you sound the horn on that Express Train to Paradise.

Rest easy my friend.

Craig S.

Craig Spinharney - March 12, 2021 at 07:03 PM

SG

“ Jim was such a sweet guy. I will always remember his big beautiful smile and his wonderful bear hugs. There will never be another like him. I’m gonna miss you buddy. A fierce warrior and friend. Rest In Paradise.

Shannon Garcia - March 12, 2021 at 06:25 PM

BE

“ We offer our deepest condolences! Jim was truly a ray of light and a gift to those who were fortunate to have known him. We are so very sorry for your loss.  
...God bless you all. You are in our prayers.  
Beth & Darrell Metcalf



Beth - March 11, 2021 at 10:22 PM

LR

“ Jim was one of the proudest dads on the sidelines of the soccer field! We are so sorry for your loss and all of you will remain our thoughts and prayers.  
Doug, Linda & Nick Rienks

Linda Rienks - March 11, 2021 at 09:05 PM

JS

“ I will always remember Jim for his wonderful personality in the workplace. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and was happy to do so. I worked under him for several years and consider him to be a great friend. Sending deepest sympathies to all loved ones.

Jon S - March 11, 2021 at 05:52 PM

DF

“ Denise Maifield (Ramirez) & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Richard Whitaker.



Denise Maifield (Ramirez) & Family - March 10, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Richard Whitaker.



March 10, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of James Richard Whitaker.



March 10, 2021 at 12:19 PM

DG

“ When I think of Jim I think of all the times he was dancing with his brothers and sisters at the wedding dances and him on that floor doing the alligator dance or whatever it was called Plus Jim acting like Jim Carrey. I always called him my handsome nephew cuz he was so handsome! Hugs and prayers a to his beautiful wife and children, mom and dad and his brothers and sisters and the whole family and friends. Go with God and he will go with you! Because he lives we can face tomorrow!

Dan & Judy Gross - March 09, 2021 at 12:55 PM

LT

*I worked with Jim many years ago when he was at Godfather's. He was a great manager and a dedicated father. Our daughters both play for the same soccer club and Jim was always watching his daughter's practices and games! Prayers to the entire Whitaker family!!!!*

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**Laura Tatten** - March 09, 2021 at 03:12 PM