



## Roy "Gene" Whitsel

September 19, 1950 - April 26, 2019

Roy "Gene" Whitsel, 68, of Oskaloosa, died Friday, April 26, 2019, at the M.H.P. Serenity Hospice House in Oskaloosa. He was born September 19, 1950, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the son of Edith Gilbert. He grew up and attended Oskaloosa Schools. On December 8, 1971 he was united in marriage to Martha Maxwell in Oskaloosa. Gene and Martha later divorced. He was later united in marriage to Carol Morgan on April 19, 1997 in Sigourney, Iowa. Carol passed away in 2012.

Gene worked at U.S. Fiber and PAMCO in Oskaloosa. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, being outdoors, collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia and watching the Iowa Hawkeyes and Miami Dolphins football games. Above all, his real joy in life was spending time with his family and friends

His family includes his children, Cassie (David) Lobberecht of New Sharon, Casey (Tara) Whitsel of Eddyville, Cory Collins of Albia and Coady Whitsel of Iowa City; his grandchildren, Keiffer, Adam, Olivia, Peyton, Ian, Ethan and Cohen; his great grandchildren, Gohan and Avery; a brother, Jesse Whitsel of Fort Dodge and a nephew, Lance Langstrat.

In addition to his wife Carol, Gene was preceded in death by his mother; a sister, Mary Whitsel; 2 half-brothers, Chuck and Bobby Whitsel, 3 nephews, 2 great nieces and 1 great nephew.

As was Gene's wish, his body has been cremated and Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 after 12 p.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel and the family will be at the funeral chapel from 6-8 Tuesday evening to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to the family.

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation - Open** 12:00PM - 08:00PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

**APR** **Visitation - Family Present** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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# Comments

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**Coady Whitsel** - February 17, 2020 at 06:19 PM

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“ For the longest time, I did not see him as the great guy that he truly was. After the passing of my mother, in June, 2012, I began to get to know him better. And it wasn't long that I began to paint the picture that I would later stand back and smile at.. Over the last 3 years, of his life, I spoke to him on the phone, nearly every day. He, in fact, was the only person, friend or family that I spoke to at all, aside from my business partner. After He passed, I felt the loss a great deal. I realized how much I loved him. I regretted not making it to the funeral, due to my own confusion. I, for some reason, thought I had arrived at the funeral home and no one was there. When, I had actually arrived at an entirely different funeral home. It wasn't until later that night, I realized the mistake I had made, but by then, it was too late. I have gone through the last six months, with so much regret for not having made it to his room at the Hospice Center, or to the visitation, no one could possibly understand. I know one thing, for certain, I miss him more than I ever thought I could have. He was my best friend, my dad, and the love I have for him will go on, regardless of what anyone might think. I haven't spoken to a member of my family since then, because they don't think that I cared. I find that to be impossibly arrogant, as I did everything I could to help make his life more comfortable in the years leading up to his passing. I was always there when he called. If I was busy, I always called him back. I always called to say Happy Birthday! Or Happy Father's Day! Or Merry Christmas! Or Happy Thanksgiving! And I was always open to talk to someone about the terrible decisions this country was making in our choice of President, and what my company had been doing lately. I never had a moment of silence when I was on the phone with him. I miss you every day!

**Coady Whitsel** - October 04, 2019 at 07:24 PM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Roy "Gene" Whitsel.



April 29, 2019 at 08:30 AM

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathies over the loss of Roy. We pray that God will provide the family with the strength needed to endure this difficult time. As one faithful man said, I have hope toward God, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. May the Family cherish these words and find comfort in this wonderful hope from God. jworg

Tim - April 28, 2019 at 02:04 PM

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“ It has been a lot of years since I seen Gene but at one point in time we were pretty much inseparable We put away a lot of beer done a lot of fishing and road hunting We got or selves in a lot of trouble but we had a lot of fun He was and is one hell of a Friend

George Nichols - April 27, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ I remember him speaking of you very often.

Coady - October 04, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ You were like a brother to him, and he loved you.

Casandra - March 02 at 01:04 PM

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of my dad. Playing catch and him teaching me how to bat, going with him on his Sunday paper route and then bringing home doughnuts and chocolate milk for breakfast then going rollerskating. Dad was fiercely proud and loyal to his friends. But to me, his little girl. He was a marshmallow. Every day for the rest of my life I'm going to miss him. There was never anyone like you daddy!



**Casandra Lobberecht** - April 27, 2019 at 09:58 PM