



Alan Leon Whitaker

May 16, 1989 - July 13, 2025

Alan Leon Whitaker age 36, born on May 16th, 1989, went home to be with the Lord on

July 13th, 2025. He is survived by his mother Sheila and stepfather Jerry, his niece

Emma, David Whitaker (father), his beloved fiancé Erika and children; Avery, CJ and

Wyatt Alan-Leon Whitaker (soon to be born), his grandfather Doyle Petty and the late

Linda Petty, his brother Ronald (Miranda Goodman), his twin sister Amy and husband

Jeremy and their children; Madeline and Micah, his aunt Sandy, his uncle Bobby and

Aunt Diane, his Aunt Deborah, Uncle Johnny and the late Aunt Marty, his mining

brothers and sisters, as well as many other family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his uncle Ronnie Petty, his Mamaw and Papaw Blue and Betty Chambers, Papaw J.B. Whitaker, and Aunt Marty Hamilton.

Alan was a very kind and caring soul, one that words cannot describe just what a

wonderful person he was, and to know him was to love him. He was an amazing father

who loved his children and fiancé Erika dearly. Alan was a devoted family man

who

often loved hunting and making others laugh and smile. He touched many people's

lives in his life with his unwavering kindness and caring heart, and he will be deeply missed.

The family would also like to thank the Jefferson County Sheriff's office, especially

Sheriff Coffey and Detective Gentry for the unwavering support they have given at this

time of need. We thank you all for all the hard work and time this office has personally

taken to help and what you have done for this family.

Pallbearers: Ronald Whitaker, Nate Koontz, Adam Johnson (Poptart), Justin Douglas (Gus), Justin Watkins (Red), and Jarriod Fetters. Honorary

pallbearers: Conner (nephew), Jake Williams, James Holbert

(Big James), Kalob Tate (McLovin'), and Mike Martineau (Shrek), Terry Beeler.

Family and friends are

welcome to join to reminisce, grieve, and remember Alan as the great man that he was.

Funeral service 7:00 pm Monday, July 21, 2025, at First Baptist Church

Strawberry Plains with Rev. Ronnie White officiating. Private graveside service

will be held the following day. The family will receive friends Monday from 5:00

- 7:00 pm prior to the service at the church. Fielden Funeral Home is honored

to serve the Whitaker family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Alan Leon Whitaker*



Fielden Funeral Home Inc. - July 21, 2025 at 10:22 AM

BG

So very sorry for such a tragic loss to all of Alan's family and children. Sending prayers to help you all during this time 🙏 Bonnie, Brandon and Kelly Gantt

Bonnie Gantt - July 22, 2025 at 12:54 PM

BJ

And people used to say the mines around here aren't dangerous like the coal mines.

Big John - July 24, 2025 at 12:13 AM

AJ

“ *Ann Johnson lit a candle in memory of Alan Leon Whitaker*



Ann Johnson - August 08, 2025 at 11:19 AM

CS

“ Connor slingerland purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Alan Leon Whitaker.



Connor slingerland - July 22, 2025 at 07:39 PM

SS

“ I am praying for the whole family. I am so sorry for everyone's lost.



Sarah Southerland - July 22, 2025 at 02:11 PM

SR

“ David and families,
I am so very sorry for the tragic and devastating loss of your son and loved one. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Sharon Rudder-Wiser

Sharon Rudder-Wiser - July 22, 2025 at 10:11 AM

PG

“ Pilot 51, Subway and Guest purchased the Pure Heart for the family of Alan Leon Whitaker.



Pilot 51, Subway and Guest - July 20, 2025 at 03:45 PM

PG

“ *Pilot 51, Subway and Guest planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan Leon Whitaker.*

Pilot 51, Subway and Guest - July 20, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alan Leon Whitaker.*



July 18, 2025 at 08:41 AM

JR

“ First of all my Heart goes out to Amy , Grizz, and Alan’s children, fiancé. All his family . I’m lost for words! This is simply not any news any one person wants to hear. Please know in your hearts I am deeply sorry I pray that God gives all piece, and comfort through this sad time. I wanted to share a memory of just how good of guy God picked. It’s a normal day at work, I was taking supplies down the adit in a regular pickup truck and I hit a pot hole A pc fell off one of the pallets I stopped to retrieve it well I couldn’t budge it it was heavy and I thought what am I gonna do I couldn’t even move it out of the road , here I am thinking I’m gonna be in trouble if I block traffic, so I get in the truck and the first person I see is Alan he’s at the powder mag (this is our discussion) hey Alan are you busy his reply was I was about to load anfo “ what do you need so I say Alan I need your help I gotta get this pc outta the road that fell off this truck and it’s in the adit he said Oboy .. yeah let’s go see if we can get it . Alan jumped in the truck and we’re both talking bout uh oh someone was about to come down the adit. He’s laughing and trying to calm me down I’m thinking I’m gonna get wrote up so we get to where this pc fell off the truck he laughed at me and said ah that little pc I looked at him I said it’s heavier than you think I couldn’t budge it, before I could get around to where it was Alan done already picked it up placed it back in the truck I said show off he laughed I laughed he said joy I promise you it wasn’t that heavy, Alan may not be my brother by blood he was definitely my mining brother he was quiet didn’t bother anyone at work and every time from that day he always had a smile and morning Joy or you got a busy day today . Alan I’m gonna miss you brother you are far and few you helped me more than once if I never told you brother thank you and I love you

Joy Rosenbalm - July 18, 2025 at 08:15 AM

LF

“ Our Hearts are grieving with You'ins as Our Deepest Condolences are expressed for the Whitaker Family in this time of loss. May Our Lord's Love surround You for Comfort.

Larry Hazelwood and Family - July 18, 2025 at 05:26 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Leon Whitaker.



July 18, 2025 at 05:19 AM



“ My Soul Lives On Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Alan Leon Whitaker.



July 17, 2025 at 09:10 PM

JD

“ I interviewed Alan and I was one of the members that chose to hire him when he applied at Nyrstar. It can be a bit different what questions to ask people that have had no mining experience. However there is a universal set of questions to ask anyone that applies. I can say that I will never forget Alan's answer to a safety related question. It was, in my experience, the best answer i had ever been given during an interview! He was very driven and wanted to be the best at what ever job he was given. He will deeply be missed by the mining community, as he was a great example of what underground mining is all about! Rest in peace my friend, this last interview has been signed off.

JD Dalton

JD Dalton - July 17, 2025 at 08:37 PM

MW

My Heart Felt Condolences to the Family... 🙏🙏🙏

MARK WAITE - July 22, 2025 at 12:33 PM

RS

“ Rick & Pam Small lit a candle in memory of Alan Leon Whitaker



Rick & Pam Small - July 17, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alan Leon Whitaker.*



July 15, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alan Leon Whitaker.

July 15, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *Shelly Adms lit a candle in memory of Alan Leon Whitaker*



Shelly Adms - July 15, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *We send you our deepest sympathy at this very difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Dottie, Jody, and Mary Ann*

Dottie Chudina - July 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DW

“ Darryl & Gina Huntsinger & Mike Walden purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Alan Leon Whitaker.



Darryl & Gina Huntsinger & Mike Walden - July 14, 2025 at 09:37 PM

DW

“ Darryl & Gina Huntsinger & Mike Walden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan Leon Whitaker.

Darryl & Gina Huntsinger & Mike Walden - July 14, 2025 at 09:37 PM

DF

“ Dillon Jones and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Alan Leon Whitaker.



Dillon Jones and family - July 14, 2025 at 09:08 PM

DF

“ Dillon Jones and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan Leon Whitaker.

Dillon Jones and family - July 14, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Alan Leon Whitaker*.



July 14, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *My deepest condolences and prayers for healing. May the Lord grab ahold and help you during these difficult times.*

Rebecca Guinn - July 14, 2025 at 05:44 PM