

William (Bill) E. Whitbey

October 20, 1946 - November 24, 2025

William (Bill) E. Whitbey, 79, of Morrilton, AR, passed away on November 24, 2025, at deer camp. Bill was born on October 20, 1946, in Paris, Arkansas, son of William (Bill) T. and Imelda (Neuman) Whitbey. Bill was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrilton, serving as an usher for 20+ years, and had a deep faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He retired from Coca-Cola, held a variety of jobs, but cherished volunteering for the veterans. Bill had enjoyed caring for his parents and his time as a husband, dad, brother, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved hunting and fishing with his kids, siblings, grandkids, and friends.

Bill is survived by daughters Brenda Bunker and husband, Randy of Cabot; Karen Smith and husband, Kevin of Cabot; and son Chris Whitbey of Morrilton; brothers Jerome Whitbey and wife Theresia; Eddie Whitbey and wife Lisa; Larry Whitbey and wife Sandy; Dennis Whitbey and wife Kelley; sisters Joan Mayes and husband Dennis; Mary Edwards and husband Rick; eight grandchildren (Katie Hamilton, Tabitha Davis, Justin Whitbey, Lexy Danner, Broady Whitbey, Carson Whitbey, Jennifer Siebe, and Gabriel Smith); 2 chosen grandchildren (Paizlee and Cannon Collins); and 7 great-grandchildren (Carli, Hayzen, Rainlee, Paxton, Maverick, Madden, and Estelle) and a host of extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Rita (Hartman) Whitbey, parents, Bill and Imelda Whitbey, son, Kevin Whitbey, and great-grandson, Memphis Whitbey.

Per Bill's request, he is being cremated. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Stephen Hart officiating. The burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A Rosary will be at 9:00 a.m. before the service at the church, with Family visitation following at 9:20 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to VFW Post 4453 or Malik-Perkins Military Museum of Morrilton, Arkansas. The family wishes to express thanks to all who visited and prayed. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Morrilton, AR

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 3. 9:00 AM - 9:20 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
506 E. Broadway
Morrilton, AR 72110

Visitation

DEC 3. 9:20 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

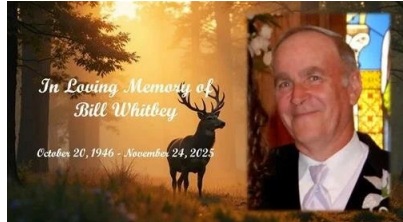
DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
506 E. Broadway
Morrilton, AR 72110

Tribute Wall



“ *Harris Funeral Homes, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William (Bill) E. Whitbey*



Harris Funeral Home - November 25, 2025 at 09:09 PM

FT

“ *FIS - EIAM team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William (Bill) E. Whitbey.*

FIS - EIAM team - December 02, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of William (Bill) E. Whitbey.*



December 02, 2025 at 10:47 AM

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“ *Your FIS Family purchased the Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket for the family of William (Bill) E. Whitbey.*



Your FIS Family - December 01, 2025 at 05:26 PM

JD

“ We have been extremely saddened by hearing of the passing of our friend's father so soon after her mother's passing only months ago. With Karen physically, financially, and emotionally caring for her parents, as her parents did for her, it shows the legacy and faith that her parents taught her is full circle! By showing that labor of love toward others, we are assured all will be blessed by God and Christ. May the precious memories you took time to make and smiles you made with him through the years outnumber the tears!! Many prayers and love to the kids and their families Brenda, Chris and Karen (Kevin and Gabriel).....Karen and Jack Dowell

Jack Dowell - November 29, 2025 at 12:29 PM

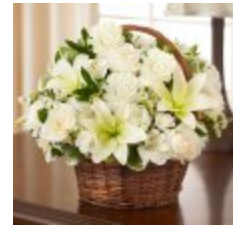
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“ Kyle and Susan Ritchie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William (Bill) E. Whitbey.

Kyle and Susan Ritchie - November 26, 2025 at 08:06 PM

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“ Kyle and Susan Ritchie purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of William (Bill) E. Whitbey.



Kyle and Susan Ritchie - November 26, 2025 at 08:06 PM

ML

“ My condolences to Bill’s Family. He was a wonderful friend growing up and being a classmate in Scranton. His family was always dear to the McKennon Family. Blessings to his children and siblings.
Marsha McKennon Loyd

Marsha McKennon Loyd - November 26, 2025 at 09:21 AM

CS

“ Thoughts & prayers of comfort during this difficult time, from a former classmate.
Carole Moore Street

Carole Street - November 25, 2025 at 11:14 PM

SY

“ Condolences to Chris, Brenda, Karen and family. Papa Bill was a great man. I will never forget the things he has taught me nor the memories we shared from deer camp. He was a true motivation of hard working, loving man who did everything to give his family a great life. He always loved seeing Carli every chance he got, made him smile every time from ear to ear. I remember when he first saw her after Carli was born, he was ever so proud and happy. Prayers for family in this sad time.



Sue Yang - November 25, 2025 at 07:41 PM

JB

“ Prayers for the Whitbey family, I worked with Bill years ago at No.9 Parts and Equipment, always enjoyed talking with him he was a good man and would always help anyone.

James Bush - November 25, 2025 at 07:01 PM