



## Robert "Bob, Buck, Goob" Whaley

August 26, 1940 - August 25, 2018

Robert C. "Bob, Buck or Goob" Whaley, 77 years and 364 days, of Grand Island passed away on Saturday, August 25, 2018 after a short battle with cancer.

Service and celebration of Bob's life will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Messiah Lutheran Church, 112 W. 7th, Grand Island. Burial will follow in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors provided by the U.S. Navy and the United Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Bob was born August 26, 1940 in Kearney, the son of Guy and Laura (Elliot) Whaley. He attended school in Kearney, Elwood, and Payette, Idaho before moving back to Ravenna to live with his older sister and her family, where he graduated from high school, class of 1959.

In April of 1962, Bob entered the United States Navy. He served on the USS Abbot and was in the Cuban blockade. The ship was decommissioned April of 1965 when Bob was honorably discharged.

On September 3, 1966, Bob married Peggy Garner in Rockville, NE. He went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad in 1966 and was in the Grand Island Maintenance of Way shop until his retirement in 1995.

Bob coached softball for many years for the Northwest Softball League. He was a member of the Conestoga Barbershop Group for several years and enjoyed the afternoons spent with his many coffee group friends. He loved to work on old cars and also enjoyed gardening and taking care of his beautiful

lawn. Bob loved to travel, which they did when his girls were younger. Also, following retirement he and Peg traveled to visit friends in Las Vegas and attend his ship reunions on the east coast. He loved to go on vacation with his family and attended all of his grandchildren's concerts, competitions and sports activities.

Those left to cherish Bob's memory include his wife, Peg; three wonderful daughters, Jennifer (Jon) Stromer of Grand Island, Kristy (Scott) Fangmeier of Hebron, and Becky (Kevin) Shoemaker of Hastings; beloved grandchildren, Jady, Hannah, Brayden, Shayli, Gabe, Peyton, Kalib and Calie; sister, Marge Carmen of Imperial; brother, Joe Whaley of Downy, CA; sister-in-law, Sandy Czaplowski; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Doug and infant sister; brothers and sisters-in-law, Franklin, Ed (Vonita), Hobe (Darlene), Dee (Willa), Harry and Dave; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy (Emil) Harris; brothers-in-law, Marlin Carmen and Tom Czaplowski; and niece, Sandra Whaley.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Make-A-Wish Foundation or the Children's Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha.

# Cemetery Details

## Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

**AUG 30.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Messiah Lutheran Church  
7th and Locust St.  
Grand Island, NE 68801

# Tribute Wall



“ Robert "Bob, Buck, Goob" Whaley

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Joy Venglik - August 29, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ We have many favorite memories and moments but I have to say our warmest is when we were picking up them at circus. And they were walking toward us because we knew we were going to have the best day ever . And each moment was a treasure filled with love .  
It was a privilege and honor just knowing Bob our life Is richer are hearts are warmer  
Knock knock we will see you heaven

Joy Venglik - August 29, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob, Buck, Goob" Whaley.



August 28, 2018 at 05:21 PM

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“ Deepest Sympathy shared with Your Families I always enjoyed a visit with the Both of You. May God bring You Peace 🙏

dianna and Jerry Dethlefs - August 27, 2018 at 10:03 PM

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“ Dear Aunt Peggy, Jennifer, Kristy, and Becky -- So very sorry for your loss. Uncle Buck was one of a kind and I loved him a lot. I have so many memories of him coming to see us at the house. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather and he loved you all more than anything. You were the best things in his life. I will always remember getting to be the flower girl at your wedding Aunt Peggy - - even though I was sad because he was getting married which meant I couldn't marry him when I grew up...I didn't realize at 5 that you couldn't marry your uncle! I cannot make the visitation but I will be there for the funeral on Thursday. Love always, Kim Whaley

Kim Whaley - August 27, 2018 at 05:45 PM

 Debra Stromer

“ Jen,  
So sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. You and your family are always in our thoughts and prayers.  
Billy, Debbie and Alyssa

Debra Stromer - August 27, 2018 at 04:56 PM

 Crystal  
Peterson  
Fangmeier

“ *What a wonderful tribute to Bob. I always enjoyed visiting with him when we'd be together at Scott & Kristy's. His pride in being an American was always so evident and contagious.*

*May your memories provide you with comfort and strength during this difficult time and always.*

*Love, prayers, and hugs.  
Todd and Crystal Fangmeier*

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**Crystal Peterson Fangmeier** - August 27, 2018 at 12:29 PM