



Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley

June 8, 1949 - January 8, 2022

Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley, 72, of Crawfordville, passed away unexpectedly in Knoxville, Tennessee, while visiting with family on January 8, 2022. He was a native of Crawfordville. Buddy worked 20 plus years as a Salesman for Big Ten Tires and managed the store on South Monroe St. in Tallahassee. Buddy loved people and people loved Buddy. He was always helping someone, loved talking with people, and when you saw him, you saw his infectious smile and laugh. He was a member of the Crawford Masonic Lodge and a member of Heritage Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years Jean Whaley, daughters Stephanie Mays and husband Rich & Stacy Hackney and husband Chris, sister Dorine Allen, 4 granddaughters that he adored Alexis, Kristen, Sydney & Savannah. Predeceased by his parents Ira & Sarah Whaley and his son Shawn Whaley. The family will receive friends Thursday, January 13, 2022, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Family Funeral Home in Harvey Young Chapel. Funeral Service will be Friday, January 14, 2022, 2:00 pm at Friendship Baptist Church and burial to follow at Pigott's Cemetery.

Skip & Trey Young are assisting the family. Family Funeral Home at Harvey Young Chapel. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Cemetery Details

Pigott's Cemetery

90 Friendship Church Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Funeral Home-Harvey Young Chapel
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
paula@familyfhc.com

Funeral Service

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church
165 Friendship Church Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Tribute Wall



“ Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - January 12, 2022 at 03:02 PM

RA

Uncle Lester had a heart of gold. I love you and miss you! 💕😭

Rhonda Hooker Almeda - January 12, 2022 at 10:29 PM

JJ

This is so precious I love it thanks for sharing

Jackie jones - May 16, 2025 at 07:35 AM

JW

My Precious Angel Husband, I love & miss you & Shawn so much ❤️☐
😘😘💜😘😘😘 Y'all meet me when I get there 💕💕💕💕💕

Jean Whaley - July 24, 2025 at 12:32 AM

TM

“ You will be missed by a lot of folks you was a good man with a great heart ❤️



Tina Miller - January 22, 2022 at 06:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley.*



January 14, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ *The Dalton Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley.*



The Dalton Family - January 14, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley.*



January 13, 2022 at 03:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley.*



January 13, 2022 at 11:14 AM

JH

“ Julie Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley



Julie Henderson - January 12, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ 104 files added to the album LifeTributes



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - January 12, 2022 at 03:00 PM

BS

“ Bo, Mary Ann & Chris Sparks purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley.



Bo, Mary Ann & Chris Sparks - January 12, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ 23 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - January 12, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley.



January 12, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Ira "Buddy" DeLester Whaley.



January 11, 2022 at 06:56 PM

LG

“ I loved Lester and Jean, they always gave you the biggest hugs and smiles...we have been friends for over 40 yrs and I always got my car tires from him at Big Bend tire. He will missed by so many.....but heaven sure got a sweet angel.

Lavonne McCarthy Greene

lavonne greene - January 11, 2022 at 12:36 PM

AH

“ The best friend u could ever had.He was the kindest and caring person. Loved him and Jean so so much. God be with U Jean and girls.



Annette (Harrell) Hilliard - January 10, 2022 at 10:02 PM

EB

“ Miss Jean I am so sorry to read about Mr. Lester's passing. I love you so much and loved Mr. Lester. May God Bless you and your family.



*Love.
Edna Butler*

Edna Mae Butler - January 10, 2022 at 06:35 PM

SA

“ *Mama Jean, Stephine and Stacy, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Buddy. He was such a kind man. I have many fond memories of him. Please know that Mark and I are thinking about you and praying for your peace and comfort. With much love, Shawna Weaver Aries*

Shawna Weaver Aries - January 10, 2022 at 06:13 PM

GK

“ *Well I could fill ten pages all about how much I love this man we had so many times together working partying riding through all these beautiful woods n George taking Jean's laundry to the laundry matt only Jean would understand this one.so sorry for your loss he will be missed so much by all our old friends just don't know how many are still here . I LOVE YOU JEAN*

Gladys Kilgore - January 09, 2022 at 08:05 PM

CA

So sorry Jean. We love you and prayers for your family.

Candy - January 11, 2022 at 10:41 AM

HA

So sorry, Lester was part of our family for a long time.He will certainly be missed our family gatherings he always was happy with a big smile on his face .Prayers for you and your girls and our grand daughters. Love Reeva and family

Hackney - January 11, 2022 at 04:57 PM

DM

I am so sorry for your loss I just seen this letter was a great man who loved ❤️ his family and his friends my heart goes to his family RIP LESTER he is in a better place.🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Deborah Mayfield - February 17, 2022 at 05:52 PM

JW

I want to Thank Everyone for the love, support, flowers 🌸, and wonderful messages and memories for Buddy and our family, the beautiful memorial gifts that were mailed to our home in Buddy's memory, we will cherish forever ❤️ IT was a shock for us to lose the heart and soul of our family, life as we knew it will never be the same without him!! ❤️ His love for his family was so great, there's nothing he wouldn't do for us, or anyone else, he had a big heart and a smile to match it!! ❤️ The world would be a greater place if there were more people like Buddy Whaley in it,!! ❤️ We were the Love of Each Other Lives and no one could ever take his place, Our loss is Heaven's Gain and I know that he is with our Angel Shawn Whaley 💙❤️ and his mama and daddy and grandma Mae, waiting for the rest of us to get to Heaven!! ❤️ Honey I LOVE YOU and MISS YOU and Shawn So Much it hurts 💔😭, but I'll be with y'all again when God calls me home.

Jean Whaley - April 24, 2022 at 08:34 PM