



Larry R. Whiting Dr.

March 29, 2009

Dr. Larry R. Whiting, age 70, of Dublin, Ohio died Sunday, March 29, 2009 at First Community Village Care Center, in Columbus, Ohio. He was born January 2, 1939 in Iowa City, Iowa. He grew up on a farm near Central City, Iowa and was active in 4-H and the Future Farmers of America. A graduate of Central City Community School, Class of 1958, he received his bachelor's degree in agricultural journalism in 1962 from Iowa State University. While an undergraduate student, he received a national writing award from Sigma Delta Chi for work published in the student publication Iowa Agriculturist. Upon graduation, he became farm and state editor of the Daily Reporter and Sunday Times in Spencer, Iowa. From 1963 to 1970, he worked at The Dakota Farmer magazine, serving as assistant editor, associate editor, director of public relations and editor. He returned to Iowa State in 1970, where he served as assistant extension editor until 1972. He was then appointed editor of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development and the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development. He received a master's degree in journalism and mass communications from Iowa State in 1976, and a doctorate in education in 1981, also from Iowa State. In June, 1981, he became chairman of the department of information and publications in the College of Agriculture at the University of Maryland. In 1985, he moved to The Ohio State University to become professor of agricultural education and head of communications and technology. He received an ACE Award of Excellence in communications management in 1994. In 1997 he received the "Irving"

award from A-DEC, the Agricultural Distance Education Consortium, for longtime service. In July, 2001, he transferred from his administrative position and began teaching in the agricultural communication degree program teaching communication law, the senior seminar course, and coordinating the agricultural communication program. In May, 2004, the students in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences surprised him by dedicating the annual college student awards banquet in his honor. In 2005 he was honored again by the college with the Price Student Advising Award. He also received an ACE Outstanding Research Paper Award in 2002 and the Journal of Applied Communications Research Article of the Year Award in 2004. In 2005 he received the ACE Professional Award. He retired as Professor Emeritus from Ohio State on March 31, 2006. After his retirement, Larry enjoyed spending time on Lake Erie with his wife Linda and served as Commander of the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron in 2008. Larry is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Dorothy Whiting and by his daughter, Stacey Whiting. He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 ½ years, Linda Whiting, of Dublin, Ohio; children: Jeffrey (Zack Lynn) Whiting, of Columbus and Stephanie Berghausen, of Cincinnati, Ohio; grandson Taggart Whiting Berghausen; family friend, Jodi Miller, of Columbus; sisters: Mary Katherine (Robert) Phughaupt, of Central City, Iowa and Linda (Norman) Price, of Hopkinton, Iowa; many nieces and nephews and their families; and his constant canine companion, Carver. Larry was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 5475 Brand Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017 where a Memorial Service will be held 11:00a.m. Saturday, April 4, 2009. Family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00p.m. Friday at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME at POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio 43065 (614)-792-1471 where a Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Service will be held at 7:00pm. (The funeral home is located on W.Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to consider a memorial contribution to: Central City Community Schools, FFA Program, 400 Barber Street, Central City, Iowa 52214, in Larry's

memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry R. Whiting Dr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.*

G.Ford - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda, Our love, positive thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We hope it gives you comfort to know that so many people care. Mar' & Phil Westerville, Ohio*

Mar' Hartley & Phil Stanley - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda, My heart goes out to you! It seems like yesterday when we lost Lee and I remember what a difficult time this can be. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. You can take comfort in knowing that Larry is in a much better place. You've had a long time together and lots of memories to carry you through this time. Not many of us from Century 21 Gray Real Estate are still in the business but, of course, I'm still working. Best regards, Barb*

Barb Matson Wandling - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Linda and family: We are glad that Larry got to fulfill his desire to be the Commander of the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. We hope that friends and loved ones can provide comfort for you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Shelley and Jim Beall - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Linda and Family.....You have been blessed with a "very wonderful" husband and father. I attended high school with Larry and his sister Mary, played in the high school band with Larry, and went to the high school senior prom with Larry. We always had such good laughs together and it was so much fun reminiscing with Larry and Linda at our 50th high school reunion this summer. My prayers are with you all and with Larry as he goes on spreading his smile and kind words. Larry was definitely a Gentleman and a Scholar.

Sandy Kolda Ochs - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Linda, Jeff, and Stephanie, I am so sorry to here of your loss. I first got acquainted with Larry and you all back in 1978, my freshman year at Iowa State University. Larry was of great help to me in my formidable years and I have thought of him often. He will live on in lives of all the many many people he touched. God Bless you and your family. Sincerely, Steve and Leanne Struck

Steve Struck - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ To Larry's family - You have been blessed to have such a fine man around you for the years he was with us. I was a neighbor in the farm area where Larry and sister Mary lived, a classmate of "58" where we enjoyed band together. Just a great man and was glad to know him and be able to give him a big hug and visit at our class reunion last year. He will be missed by many and may you find peace as time goes on.

Susan Wenger Halstead - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Larry was a great boss! I'll miss him.

Dave Scardena - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ Linda, You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are very sad about your loss. Leslie Zimmerman & Family

Leslie Zimmerman - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Linda & Family, I am so thankful that I had the opportunity know Larry for the past 10 years. He will always be a true friend and never forgotten.

Shreve Jones - April 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ I always admired Uncle Larry. I remember looking forward to the Holiday visits at Grandpa and Grandma Whiting's. He always had smiles and great conversations for everyone, especially his nieces and nephews. Linda, Jeff and Steph, God Bless as you go through this difficult time. Thinking of you, Kathi

Kathi Kerscher (Pflughaupt/Oberhauser) - April 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Linda and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you after seeing Larry's obituary in the Ames paper last night. We have such fond memories of him and you while you were in our Bethesda Family of God and we tried to find you on the Internet when we had our Centennial in 2005, but didn't know which state to try next once Maryland didn't work. Everytime we walk down Meadowlane and see your house, we think of you and always will. We will send a memorial to the school address. Our love and prayers will continue to be with you.

Janet and Henry Gray - April 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our condolences to you all from your friends at Bethesda Lutheran Church (and particularly the church choir) in Ames, Iowa. We have many fond memories of your life among us. Our Anne and David were children in many activities with Jeff & Stephanie. Marianne, Jim, Anne & David Chalstrom

Marianne & Jim Chalstrom - April 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To Linda and Family: You are in my thoughts. Larry enjoyed many professional accomplishments yet remained a dedicated husband, father and Buckeye Fan. May God Bless. Scott Fankhauser Dublin

Scott Fankhauser - April 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Janis and Jim Cripe - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. He fought the good fight. Jack Sawyer Class of 1958

Jack Sawyer - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Linda, stephanie and Jeff, please accept my heartfelt sympathy. God Bless Your Family, mary aminian

Mary Aminian - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Linda and family. You are in my prayers and thoughts. God bless.

Lori Santello - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Linda and family: Larry was truly one of a kind who touched many people during his time on this earth. He was a valued friend, colleague and mentor. I'll miss him dearly and will always cherish the many wonderful memories I have of him.

Sherrie Whaley - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ My sympathy to the family and friends. I was in Larry's high school class at Central City. We had a chance to visit at the Class Reunion last summer. My husband Howard died in April, 2008, after living with cancer for almost 7 years. You have traveled a rough road. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jeanne Wagor Luse - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Linda, you and your family are in my prayers. I'm so sorry. It was a joy to see you two together and interact with one another over the years as it was obvious how much you loved and deeply cared for each other.

Julia Stach - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Linda and Family, I am very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Kim Doepping - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ It was a pleasure knowing Larry and very sad he has left us. He was a great man and will live on through his many accomplishments.

Carol Toronto - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To Stephanie and the Whiting family: We mourn with you for your sadness but we celebrate for the joy you must feel of knowing that your dad made such an impact on so many people and that he was so loved. Mr. Whiting, thank you for being like a father to our dear friend, Jodi.

Liz Cook & Traci Shaw - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Thanks Dad, now I have to buy a dman suit. Love you, Jeff

Jeff Whiting - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Linda and family, I enjoyed working with Larry for many years at OSU. As it turned out, our last time together on this earth was on February 23. That visit is another memory I will cherish. We are away right now and so regret we cannot express our sympathy to you in person. Larry left a great legacy, and we too, will miss him. God bless you and give you peace.

John and Betty Rohrer - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Dear Whitings, I was taken aback when my brother, a professor emeritus at ISU, sent me this news. Larry was associate editor, and later editor of the Dakota Farmer, when I got my first job out of college as assoc. editor. It was a heady exciting time and we "collaborated" or I thought we did! I remember the first day I was on the job, my manual typewriter (they all were) tipped over twice on cracks that were filled in with lead from the presses downstairs--resounding crashes I knew were heard all over Aberdeen. No computers, linotype operators. It was the stuff of dreams for a new grad and Larry was my leader. It looks like he had a very illustrious career. I didn't know about those years. You have my heartfelt wishes for facing the years without him. His picture is exactly how I remembered him. Dorothy Orts

Dorothy Holden Orts - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ LW... y'all is true folks. and always will be. peace old friend. stan

Stan Ernst - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Oh the memories!! Put in Bay...the winery and the cheese. May you be with God. You will be missed.

Penny Nemitz - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My deepest sympathies. I was fortunate to meet Larry at a number of ACE meetings years back. His colleagues always spoke highly of Larry!

Jerry Rostad - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I will always value the friendship, advice, and support that Dr. Whiting provided, especially his passion for the Agricultural Communication program in our Department and College. He was a true colleague in the best sense of the word and will be missed. Rest in Peace.

Bob Birkenholz - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dr. Whiting is one of the kindest, most engaging professors I've ever known. His interest extended beyond the classroom and into the lives of his students. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.

Lindsay Hill - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Until we meet again our Forever Friend! Fondly, Brian and Marilyn

Brian & Marilyn Ford - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM