



Rodger Lee Whaley

September 21, 1947 - July 25, 2022

Rodger Lee Whaley, age 74 of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Worthington, passed away suddenly while visiting friends in Worthington on Monday July 25, 2022. Rodger was born on September 21, 1947 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Ralph and Mary Katherine (Rodgers) Whaley. He attended HS in Washington Court House, Ohio and graduated from The Ohio State University in 1970, He retired from the State of Ohio Department of Taxation after 34 years of service and retired from the Columbus Zoo as a part-time employee after 17 years. Rodger is survived by his wife Karen, son and daughter-in-law Robert (Pinar) Whaley of Houston, his Daughter Anne Whaley of Phoenix, and his two granddaughters Mira and Dilara. He loved golf and was an avid OSU Buckeyes fan. Friends may call on Thursday July 28, 2022 at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street in Worthington from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. .A Prayer Service will be held at 6:00pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Columbus Zoo give@columbuszoo.org. or the Worthington Pantry Resource Center www.worthingtonresourcepantry.org in his memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Tribute Wall



“ *Rodger Lee Whaley*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Karen.*

Ann and I send you our deepest sympathy at Rodger's death. As I think back over the years some of our best times were with Rodger and the Department of Taxation travels and meetings. We all had so much fun and did not realize how lucky we were to be together so many times

Our love and prayers

Scott and Ann O'Donnell

scott and ann o'donnell - July 28, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Karen and family - Kevin and I are so shocked and saddened by the passing of Rodger. He was a wonderful man, a good friend and a gracious host. Rodger was always ready to go out to eat, go on vacation or just sit and visit. We had so many good times with him and Karen. You are all in our prayers.*

Kay L OGrady - July 28, 2022 at 03:29 PM

JL

“ Karen,
I am so sorry for you loss of Rodger. I have such wonderful
memories of working with him.
Joanne Limbach

Joanne Limbach - July 28, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Rodger Lee Whaley.



July 28, 2022 at 10:58 AM

JB

“ My second try at this. Leaving Cincinnati in a state car, I gassed up
on a cold Friday in December. Halfway home, I was running out of
gas. I pulled into a state roadside stop and wondered who I could
call at 4:00 PM on a Friday afternoon. I found a hole in my gas tank
that was dripping gas on my exhaust pipe. I knew I needed help. I
called Rodger at the office and he came. One of the many kind
things he did for people. I will miss him at our pregame party before
the first OSU games. RIP Rodgie.

Jlm Baumann - July 27, 2022 at 03:59 PM

KH

“ My sincere condolences.
Always enjoyed our visits.
Kay Hoppers, DDS.

Kay Hoppers - July 27, 2022 at 12:56 PM

DR

“Rodger was one of my oldest school friends-----from first grade through high school graduation in Washington Court House. Through the years he and Karen were faithful attenders of class reunions, and it was always a joy to see them again. He was great fun and so proud of his family! We wish peace and comfort for Karen, Rob, Annie, and family going forward. Rodger made a difference in this life and was a great friend to many.
Debbie (Everhart) and Ben Roby

Deborah E Roby - July 27, 2022 at 09:34 AM

BM

“I have no words to describe the feeling I had when I read Rodger's obit in today's paper. The years and miles may have separated us but no matter we stayed in touch. I spoke to Rodger about a month ago and he told me how happy they were in Arizona and being closer to Annie. The memories are many and they begin when we were classmates in Washington CH, High School, University of Dayton, roommates, weddings, births and maintaining a friendship for many years. Regretfully Kathleen and I cannot be with you at this very difficult time. Karen, Rob, and Annie you are in our thoughts and prayers. Little did I know our last phone call was also the final goodbye. Rest In Peace good buddy, until we meet again. Please send me a memory card:
Bart Mahoney
5101 Weatherwood Dr
N Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

Bart Mahoney - July 27, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *RIP Mr. Whaley. It's been over a decade since our last encounters around Rob and Pinar's wedding, but you remained one of my all time favorites in terms of friends' parents.*

You struck me as an everyman who took satisfaction from life's simple pleasures. You loved your family, Buckeye football, Volkswagens, and the game of golf.

I don't know why it has stuck with me all these years, but nearly every time I pulled up to the Worthington estate, I would see a contented man chipping golf balls in the front yard. A life goal for me, perhaps. Something to shoot for.

My deepest condolences and hope for peace for the entire family, especially the incomparable Mrs. Whaley.

Don Rood - July 26, 2022 at 09:29 PM

EN

“ *We have so many memories of Rodger and Karen. We were great friends and had much fun together. He was a fabulous and generous person. He was a great family and people person. Many prayers for his family. Prayers and love to all.*

Ellen Nolan` - July 26, 2022 at 06:57 PM