



James William Whitehurst

November 22, 1940 - March 19, 2019

James William Whitehurst, Sr., of Hillsboro, VA, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Louisiana, while recovering from surgery.

Jim was born on November 22, 1940 in Altha, Florida, son of the late James A. Whitehurst and Ruby J. Stubs Brannon.

Mr. Whitehurst served his country in the United States Navy during the Cuban blockade.

Moving to Northern VA, he married his wife of 52 years, Susan Brantley Bauer Whitehurst.

He was the owner and operator of Perfection Automotive in Herndon, VA.

He leaves his family to cherish his memory. Four children, including Jay, Mark, David and Susie; 10 grandchildren; a sister Emily Bucur, and brother Albert Whitehurst.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister Johnnie Fay, and a grandson William Cooper Whitehurst.

Jim was an avid hunter, fisherman, and general outdoorsman. There was nothing he couldn't fix, or nothing he couldn't accomplish. He was a great conversationalist who made friends everywhere. Jim was a self-made man with a strong work ethic. He is loved and will be missed by many.

A memorial visitation will be held Sunday, March 24th, 2019 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Loudoun Funeral Chapel 158 Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, VA 20175.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, March 25th, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that any donations be made to the following charity:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/jim-whitehurst-memorial>

Interment will be held privately by the family at a later date.

Cemetery

Cremation/ Interment to be held privately at a later date.

Events

MAR 24 Visitation 02:00PM - 05:00PM

Loudoun Funeral Chapel
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg, VA, US

MAR 25 Celebration of Life 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Loudoun Funeral Chapels - March 22, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ Our memories of Jim: tall, tan, kind, fair, skilled and honest. A good man.
Jim and Perfection Auto performed all of our family auto repairs. There was nothing he could not fix.

Thanks for the fond memories Jim!

Billy and Cynthia Stone

William M Stone - March 23, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ We just found out about Jim's death and we are so sorry for the family. We have known the Whitehurst for 47 years. I baby sat Jay, Mark, David and Susie for four years and we have tried to stay close. Jim was a great man. We will miss him. Sue if there is ever anything we can do please call me.

Carolynn Griffey - April 23, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ I cried when I heard the news, Jim was my friend for 35yrs. I can honestly say it is my only sad memory of Jim, and probably not a good one for him either. I have one of him wearing an ear ring, that was just a weird memory though. I have one of him crashing through the toll gate at 60mph, his pass didn't work that morning. Most of my memories are more in that line.

I called him "Capt'n Whitehurst" for the last 10 or 20 years, he called me "annual" as I preferred things a little more clean and orderly. He really should have followed my lead more in that department....although he probably wanted me to be a hunter, so I guess we'll call it a draw.

Jim was a unique character, un-a-que as he'd like to say, and an important character in my life. We had a common, un-spoken respect for each other. He was twice my age and twice my height when we met, I've probably shrunk some since but I've gained on the age part. I'll really be gaining on him now, we'll be caught up before you know it. So Capt'n Whitehurst, if you're reading this, give me a little while, I'll get there when I can. You can buy the beer but I'm buying you a cooler, you haven't cleaned that thing out since 1947....

Paul Van Doren

Paul Van Doren - March 28, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Loudoun Funeral Chapels - March 24, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



Loudoun Funeral Chapels - March 22, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ Jim was my friend who took care of my old and new vehicles. He was the consummate professional, fun to be around and always had time to answer my "silly" questions about my old, hot rod truck. My deepest sympathies are extended to his family and particularly to his son, David, who I know well.

Tom Rust
Herndon

Tom Rust - March 22, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ Tom I always enjoyed working on your vehicles. Jim even let me work on the Bricklin from time to time. I know the family appreciates your sentiments as Jim was very fond of you. I recall when you brought the then candidate Frank Wolf to our shop when he was running for office. Jim will indeed be missed. TY for your kind words.

Mark T Bauer Sr - March 22, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ Sue and Whitehurst Clan.
The clock turned back to 1978 and I laughed and pondered every year since. I am honored to say Jim is my friend. Hugs and high 5s around.

Tom Danek

tom danek - March 22, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ Tom, having you work with us was awesome. You always found a way to keep us smiling. Remember, "Oh Tommy, you can sing too!" I hope to see you over the weekend. TY for being such a loyal friend to all the family.

Mark T Bauer Sr - March 22, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ Jim gave me a chance and made me the Mechanic I am today, always good to me and a good friend and acquaintance, Rip Jim you will be missed but remembered !!!!!

Sam Kirby - March 22, 2019 at 07:51 AM



“ I first met Jim in 1982 following a recommendation from a Herndon resident about where to go for my automotive needs. Having just moved from Maryland to Virginia, I was seeking an honest establishment I could trust my cars to. Little did I know that I would start a lifetime friendship with Jim and his beloved son David.

I still remember going to the Perfection building in downtown Herndon, finding a parking spot where I would not be towed. Jim's wooden desk and bookshelf with car manuals are vivid recollections, as is his sign "If you don't have anything to do, don't do it here".

And how about his old ways of doing things such as using handwritten invoices? And while I understand that times have changed, those invoices were illustrative of the type of person Jim was: simple, to the point, and customer focused.

Many of my cars have gone through Perfection Automotive's capable hands (see pic). I am proud that my son Chris now also uses Perfection as his go to place.

Jim's life will live on through the continued generational pursuit of excellence displayed by Perfection Automotive's trustworthy service.

The Li family extends its sincerest condolences to Jim's family, his beloved wife, and our friend David.

I will miss Big Jim but I trust he knows he touched many people, including me.

Allen Li
Chris Li



Allen Li - March 22, 2019 at 06:28 AM



“ David it's Mark Bauer. I remember you and the family very well. We always enjoyed your business and I was ecstatic when David told me that you & now you son Chris were still having your vehicles serviced at Perfection Automotive. Jim was honest to a fault and yes, we did it the old fashion way. Than you for your kind words, he will be missed!

Mark T Bauer Sr - March 22, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ Jim was not just my brother in law, he was my mentor. He's the reason I took up a career as a ASE Master Technician mechanic. And he was my 3rd brother & buddy. He filled the gap that was left after my 2 older brothers had left home. Many great times were had with him & Sue. Ocean City, vacations to his family in Fla, letting me drive his motorcycles. He trusted me with anything he had! Yes, he was a big part of my teen years. I even helped him build a fledging automotive business on Herndon that has now been taken over by his son David who has taken the business to bigger heights. Yes, he was my "big brother" in every sense of the word. Even named his 2nd child after me. R.I.P. Big Jim, love you and will miss you! 😞 😞 😞

Mark Bauer Sr - March 21, 2019 at 12:39 AM