



## Michael 'Rub' Whitner

May 9, 1958 - September 23, 2018

BLISSFIELD- Michael 'Rub' Whitner, age 60, of Blissfield passed away Sunday, September 23, 2018, at home under the loving care of his family and Hospice of Lenawee.

He was born on May 9, 1958, in Toledo, Ohio to William Whitner and Nicky Grindle. Michael graduated from Waite High School in Toledo, in 1976, and went on to attend the University of Toledo where he earned his Bachelor's degree in computer engineering. He was most recently employed by IBM. On February 14, 1994, Michael married Kathy Keller and they have celebrated 24 years together.

Michael loved being involved with his family and friends. Michael was an avid motorcyclist and was a lifetime member of the Centurions Motorcycle Club. He enjoyed entertaining his family and friends with Friday pizza nights. Michael enjoyed being outside where he could demonstrate his camping and canoeing skills that he gained from his involvement as a Scout Master for Troop #8 in Blissfield. He was a jack of all trades and especially good at woodworking. Michael loved scouting and riding his motorcycle with his Centurion family, his pets, and anything related to technology. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife Kathy; children, Katie Whitner, Spencer Whitner and Syrena Whitner; granddaughters, Joleigh, Sienna, and Liberty; and sister, Linda Jones. He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Memorial services for Michael will be on Saturday, September 29, 2018, at

1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Blissfield with Pastor Gary Leking officiating. Visitation will take place from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield has been entrusted with arrangements. Contributions in memory of Michael may be made to American Cancer Society for colon cancer research. A Celebration of Life at the Centurions' Motorcycle Club will take place at a later date. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
306 E. Jefferson Street  
Blissfield, MI

## Memorial Service

SEP **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael 'Rub' Whitner*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *My sympathy and prayers to you and your family, Sandy Nieuwkoop and family .*



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**Sandy Nieuwkoop** - September 29, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael 'Rub' Whitner.*



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September 28, 2018 at 06:52 PM



“ *I remember Mike from BSA Woodbadge staff. Mike was cheerful, helpful and knowledgeable. He truly lived the scout oath and law. It was a pleasure to work with him.*

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**Teresa Reynhout** - September 28, 2018 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Teresa Reynhout lit a candle in memory of Michael 'Rub' Whitner*



Teresa Reynhout - September 28, 2018 at 12:06 PM

EH

“ *Evelyn H. lit a candle in memory of Michael 'Rub' Whitner*



Evelyn H. - September 27, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ *Kathy and family we are so sorry for your loss in our hearts and prayers Tammy Hansen & Family AZ*

Tammy Hansen - September 26, 2018 at 08:26 PM

KN

“ *I remember Mike from working at Sterling. John Wilson, Mike and I sat near each other, and there were often times we would laugh so hard with (at!) each other. He was such an honest and sincere person - I knew if I went to him with a question, I would get a straight answer. I admired him so much for his strength during his illness - he was truly a great man. We will miss you Mike!*



Kate Noll-Greene - September 26, 2018 at 02:40 PM

PB

“ I remember Mike as a great guy to work with. He was personable, collegial, smart, and funny. I will truly miss Mike.

Paul Barrie - September 26, 2018 at 01:47 PM

WT

“ Mike will always be my TG and he will be missed greatly.

Wes Tapp - September 26, 2018 at 11:43 AM

GS

“ A friend of Scouts, thankful for our opportunity to share some of the experiences together.

Gary Swartzlander - September 25, 2018 at 10:39 PM

BM

“ Mike will be missed dearly. He was a good friend and a wonderful person. He loved his family immensely. Wish more people on earth could be like him.

Beverly Moody - September 25, 2018 at 04:43 PM

LZ

“ Everyone knows Mike was a good guy and very blessed to be married to Kathy. She and the kids went above and beyond to take care of him all through his illness. No matter what! That's what family does. Sorry for your loss and prayers your way.


Lisa Zimmerman - September 25, 2018 at 01:54 PM

JW

“ Mike was a kind, honest, straight up person. It was an honor to be his friend. Today's world needs a lot more people like Mike. Will miss you friend, but you will live on in my heart. Love you.  
John Wilson

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**John Wilson** - September 25, 2018 at 12:16 PM

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Burkey

“ Rub,  
You were always a very sweet man! My heart,  
thoughts, and prayers go out to your family!  
You are loved and missed dearly! R.I.P.  
Sweetie ♡



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**Mae Burkey** - September 25, 2018 at 01:24 AM