



Whit Birdsong

July 19, 1952 - May 10, 2021

Whit Birdsong, 68, of Searcy, Arkansas entered into the arms of his heavenly father on May 10, 2021.

He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on July 19, 1952. Whit was the son of the late J.W. Birdsong and Nettie Bell Birdsong. He is survived by his spouse, Luanne Birdsong. They were married for almost 49 years, sweethearts who never left each other's side after first meeting in the halls of Heber Springs High School. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret Rainwater; daughter, Bridget Price; his son-in-law, Paul Price; his son, Wes Birdsong; his daughter-in-law, Ashley Duffee; his four grandchildren, Marlee, JP, Rylan, and Luke Price; loving brother-in-laws, Roger Pettit and Ray Lowe; sister-in law Marilyn Pettit; many nieces and nephews; and his three favorite canine companions, Sam, Maggie, and Bella.

Whit was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving his country with honor in the U.S. Navy from 1970-1974. Some of his fondest memories were created serving with his brothers-in-arms aboard the FF-1063 USS Reasoner. He was a devoted husband and father who raised his family in Searcy. Everyone knew him as the best farm equipment salesman in White County. His father taught him about tractors, but tractors taught him about people. He loved helping anyone in need, especially if it involved those tractors. He also was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Searcy where he loved to sing praises in

the choir, and fellowship with the Men's Sunday School group. He shared his love and his smile with everyone. If you ever had the pleasure of meeting Whit Birdsong, you were his friend. He will be deeply missed by his family, endless friends, and those who looked forward to the positivity he brought this world.

A graveside service for family and friends is scheduled for 10:00am on May 15 at Gum Springs Cemetery followed by a celebration of life at First Baptist Church, in Searcy, at 11:30am. A live stream for the celebration of Whit's life will be at <https://m.facebook.com/FBC-Searcy-407327165965703/> or <https://youtube.com/channel/UCBT4hii3vuf6XodWIGKeatg>.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be offered to First Baptist Church of Searcy or Unity Health-Pyeatt Family Cancer Center. The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude for the loving care provided by Dr. Ryan Koch and the staff of Unity Health-Pyeatt Family Cancer Center. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gum Springs Cemetery
Hwy 267 at Booth Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 15. 11:30 AM (CT)

Searcy First Baptist Church
Spring & Center Sts.
Searcy, AR

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Whit Birdsong



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 12, 2021 at 05:51 PM

NT

“ Beautiful memories of our dear friend Whit. So so very sorry we were not able to attend. We love your family so very much. Wonderful service, we watched on line.

Nancy & Bobby Thompson - May 16, 2021 at 04:18 PM

JH

“ Whit had such an outgoing personality that you couldn't help but like him. Although we had known him & Luanne for many years, when he came to work for us we really got to know him. He never met a stranger. I always knew he was going to make a sale or at least a new friend when I heard that one of a kind voice say “What's going on.” He will be missed. Our love and prayers to Luanne and the family.

Judy Henard - May 15, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Whit Birdsong.*



May 15, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *I remember the first time I was around Whit. Whit and Luanne asked us to come over and join the Sunday School classes out in their backyard. Whit didn't know me at all but he came up to me and flashed that big smile of his and gave me a hug. I instantly felt comfortable even though we didn't know everyone there and sure didn't know all the names. He and Luanne had the spiritual gift of hospitality and what a wonderful gift to have, especially to us, the new folks in town after being away for so many years. From then on, I felt like I knew Whit and Luanne and they have been huge blessings to Larry and I the past 10 years. I loved seeing and hearing him in the choir as well. He had such a strong voice and sweet smile on his face. He will be missed so much but I'm sure what he's experiencing now is beyond our imagination, seeing God face to face! We will see Whit again some day and I bet he will give me a hug with that smile on his face!*

Nancy and Larry James - May 14, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *First met Whit when he was on the football team. He was a senior and I a sophomore. He was a true leader. Charismatic, handsome, funny, and good athlete. He captured the heart of my square dance partner and broke mine. It was so great to reconnect via Facebook and share his inspirational messages. God bless Whit.*

Keith Egan - May 14, 2021 at 06:23 PM

JD

“ We met years ago when Jimmy worked in the truck shop at Birdsong Gooding truck shop. He always had a smile on his face and a joke in his heart talk to you anytime about any subject and always made you feel better he was a good man good friend a good father a good husband and I know he was a great grandfather we loved his whole family and anyone who met him grew to love him he was just a great friend of a person you could depend on and he will be missed by all who knew him. We were so sorry to hear your loss and we are praying for him and his family all of whom we wish the very best of comfort we know God has a new angel who be watching over us

James and Susie Duncan - May 12, 2021 at 03:19 PM

JO

“ Whit's countenance was love. He spread his love and faith when he was the one that needed uplifted. I loved to watch his videos for my own reassurance. I'm praying that Luanne and the whole family be comforted with the peace that only God can give.

Janis Overstreet - May 12, 2021 at 11:13 AM

IG

“ My sincere condolences to the Birdsong family. 🙏
Irene Gray

Irene Gray - May 12, 2021 at 09:22 AM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Although I only worked with him a few years I came to love and respect Whit. His strong faith was a calming influence on all who came in contact with him. Our loss, heavens gain. Until we meet again.

Bob Morris - May 12, 2021 at 08:29 AM

PF

we are so sorry for your loss, we have known and loved you as long as I can remember. please know we are praying for you

Pam Mullins and family - May 12, 2021 at 07:04 PM