



## Freddie Emmitt Whitaker Jr.

May 23, 1960 - November 9, 2024

Freddie Emmitt Whitaker Jr. was born on May 23, 1960, in Salem, Missouri. He was one of two children born to Freddie Sr. and Betty Louise (White) Whitaker. Freddie grew up in Salem and graduated with the class of 1978 from Salem High School.

Freddie was a proud father and even prouder pepa, adoring his eight grandchildren with every ounce of his being. His passion for their accomplishments knew no bounds. The countless hours spent with his family exemplified his love and support for them.

Freddie was a hard worker and throughout the years worked as a car salesman and operated Lucky Me Resale Shop. His heart and passion were in music. He loved to DJ at school dances as well as the Roadhouse. He was a band member of Tune Tossers and as a band took a trip to Nashville, Tennessee. After several years, they regrouped and called themselves, Second Time Around.

Freddie was a man of faith. He had a big heart and enjoyed helping others. During Thanksgiving, he provided free meals at the auction house. His faith, family, and friends were most important to him.

Freddie entered eternal rest on November 9, 2024, in Salem, Missouri, at the

age of sixty-four years. Those left behind to treasure his memory include his loving daughters: Danielle Whaley and husband Chad of Mt. Grove, MO, Paige Williams and husband Devian of Rolla, MO, Abigail Whitaker, and Madison Whitaker; son: Michael Watson of Salem, MO; mother: Betty Whitaker of Salem, MO; brother-in-law: John Fann of Salem, MO; grandchildren: Micah, Caleb, Brooklyn, Ava, Sophia, Chloe, Olivia, Alexa, and one on the way; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his father: Freddie Whitaker SR; sister: Cathy Fann; grandparents: Willard and Opal White, Estel Whitaker, and Thelma Welchel.

Freddie was one of a kind and true inspiration to many. He was well-known for his sense of humor and his quick wit. His humor and his presence in the lives of his family and friends will be deeply missed.

Funeral Services for Freddie Emmitt Whitaker Jr. were held Thursday, November 14, 2024, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Lyndell Decker officiating. Song selections played were "Oh Lord", "One Day", and "Go Rest High On That Mountain". Burial will be in the New Hope Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Freddie Whitaker Jr. to Wilson Mortuary to help with final expenses and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Condolences may be left online at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)



# Cemetery Details

**New Hope Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
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### Funeral Service

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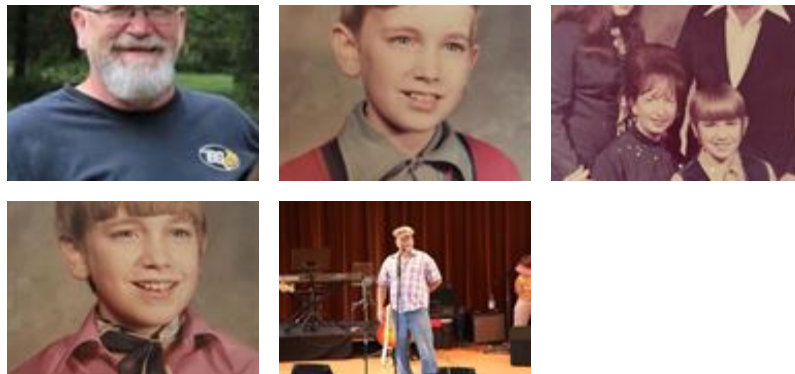
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“ Fred....I don't think you and I ever hung out much. You have been a fixture around Salem forever and you were beloved and respected by so many people in Salem. I remember when you started playing music with the Tune Tossers and I thought A Star is Born. I never really got to hear you play much after high school but I knew your love for music was forefront and anybody that knew you, knew of your love for music. I knew you were sick and you had been sick for a long time. I know your long battle was uplifting and inspirational to all that knew you. I remember when we spoke at Mike Hills Funeral and I could tell that you were not well then, but you took the time to talk to me put a smile on your face and share a few memories of us growing up. You always took the time to talk to people and you always took the time to uplift someone by telling them you love them or by complimenting them in some way. I think some of those attributes will be missed in Salem because you were a truly nice person to know. I hope you're playing music in heaven and maybe we'll meet someday again.

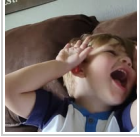
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“ Freddie was a heck of a man, would do for anyone over his need. Freddie will be missed by his family and the ones that got the privilege to know Freddie as a friend or just a meet and greet at the Auction. As me and my family Freddy was family. Fly High with them brand new wings all the way to Heaven and Rest in Paradise cause now you are not in any more pain. Till we meet again you will be missed here on Earth.

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**Laura Ray** - November 10, 2024 at 07:31 PM

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