



Clyde William Whitman

November 7, 1943 - March 16, 2025

Clyde William Whitman, age 81, passed into the arms of his Lord and Savior on March 16, 2025, at his home in Grove, Oklahoma. He was born on November 7, 1943, in Neosho, Missouri, to Clyde and Ellena (Surridge) Whitman.

A proud graduate of Neosho High School, Clyde dedicated his career to working with explosives, working at the Atlas Explosive plant in Joplin, Missouri, and managing Atlas Powder in Ohio as well. He retired in 1992 following an injury. His work was not only a profession but a passion, marked by a commitment to safety and innovation.

Clyde was a devoted husband to his high school sweetheart, Berneva Naylor, whom he married on December 20, 1961. He was also a loving father and grandfather. He had a big heart and a kind soul who always made himself available when needed by family or friends. He was Baptist in faith.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed deer hunting and fishing. He spent countless hours in his shop, tinkering and working on mowers, a hobby that allowed him to engage his mechanical skills and love for hands-on activities. He is survived by his wife Berneva, two children, Randy Whitman (Nancy) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Theresa Oglesby of Springfield, Missouri; grandchildren, Nicholas and Nathaniel Whitman; and his sister, Gaylin

Whitman of Fresno, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Donnie and Timmy Whitman; an infant sister; and his son-in-law, Phil Oglesby.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of Clyde, whose generosity and kindness touched many lives. His legacy of love, dedication, and spirited enthusiasm for life will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A graveside service will be held at 11 am on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at Olympus Cemetery North. Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services in Grove, Oklahoma, is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Olympus Cemetery North
Grove, OK 74344

Tribute Wall

JY

“ Jeff, Michelle, Jake and Josh Yarnall purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Clyde William Whitman.



Jeff, Michelle, Jake and Josh Yarnall - March 25, 2025 at 11:07 AM

RW

“ This is a photo of Dad (Clyde) with the last deer he shot. This was last October, right before he turned 81. He rode one of his many lawnmower/tractors from the pickup to the hunting blind. I was blessed to be able to sit in the blind with him for the hunt and got to witness the whole event. Tracked the deer and field dressed it and dragged it out to the truck for him. As many of you may know, Dad was never one for pictures, but I was able to capture this one. Really reminded me of my first deer at about 13, that he helped me harvest. Many of you have heard dad and i tell this story. Randy Whitman



Randy whitman - March 24, 2025 at 08:06 PM

JD

“ In 2007 we had a very bad ice storm & at the same time my Dad was dying! I had trees down all over my yard! I came home & found Clyde & Berneva cutting up and stacking wood! So the place would look decent when the Ditmore family came for Q.B's service! I didn't ask he just did it! Of course Clyde & Q.B. Were always telling stories to each other!
So I say to Clyde FLY HIGH MR. WHITMAN!!

Jan Ditmore - March 21, 2025 at 07:17 PM