



Payson R. "Whit" Whitney Jr.

November 12, 1940 - October 31, 2023

Payson R. "Whit" Whitney, Jr., 82, of Ledyard, CT, husband of Katie (Mahoney) Whitney for 52 years, passed away October 31, 2023, at Crescent Point in Niantic, CT. He was born on November 12, 1940, in Worcester, MA. He was the son of the late Payson R. Whitney, Sr. and the late Priscilla (Ordway) Whitney.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Payson R. Whitney, III and his wife Elizabeth of Watertown, MA and Michael M. Whitney and his wife Frances of Mystic, CT; a daughter, Katherine Reeves and her husband Michael of Athol, MA; two sisters, Linda McGuigan of Gambrills, MD and Pamela Reilly and her husband William of Peachtree Corners, GA; five grandchildren, Annabelle, Charlotte, Ella, Whitney, and Luke; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Whit had lived in Ledyard since 1983.

Whit was a graduate of Cheshire High School, class of 1958, and Yale University, class of 1962, where he received a B.S. in Industrial Administration. A 20-year veteran of the US Navy, he achieved the rank of Commander. He served on the nuclear submarines USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN 624-Blue Crew), PCU Grayling (SSN 646), USS Nautilus (SSN 571), USS Haddo (SSN 604), and as Executive Officer on the USS Bergall (SSN 667). He also served on staff at the USN Submarine School, Groton and COMOPTEVFOR, Norfolk. He was proud to have served his country, and he beamed as he took his children and grandchildren on tours of the Nautilus

after she became a museum, pointing out his duty station and stateroom.

After retirement from the Navy in 1983, Whit was a department manager for Analysis & Technology. He later worked at Carwild Corporation as an engineer and special projects manager for over 25 years, retiring in 2020 at age 79. Whit proudly served Yale as the Treasurer and President of the Yale Club of Eastern Connecticut. He was especially dedicated to Yale as the local Yale Alumni Schools Director, where he oversaw and personally interviewed prospective students for 18 years.

Whit was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother who put family first. He loved spending time with his family, especially with his grandchildren. During the summer, he enjoyed the company of extended family and friends at Attawan Beach. He and Katie shared outings with their treasured family members throughout the year. Whit will be remembered by family and friends as brilliant, kind, dedicated, welcoming, and witty.

The family sincerely thanks the skilled professionals at Mind Matters LLC in Groton, Visiting Angels, Crescent Point, and the Norwich-based Center for Hospice Care for their care and compassion.

Calling hours are 5 to 8 pm on Monday, November 6 at Cummings-Gagne Funeral Home, 82 Cliff Street, Norwich, CT. Funeral services are at 10 am on Tuesday, November 7 at the Congregational Church of Holland, 11 Sturbridge Rd, Holland, MA. Burial with military honors will follow in the Holland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, 4966 Euclid Road, Suite 109, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (dolphinscholarship.org) or the Lewy Body Dementia Association (lbda.org).

Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

29 Brimfield Rd.
Holland, MA 01521

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cummings-Gagne Funeral Home
82 Cliff Street
Norwich, CT

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Congregational Church of Holland
11 Sturbridge Rd.
Holland, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ I will miss my Uncle Rod so much. I have wonderful memories from when I was a child. We all would spend time with our grandparents. I remember times at the pool, eating corn on the cob on the porch at Nana's house, and so much more. I will never forget the time Uncle Rod came to the airport and waited with me for my mom and aunt's plane to come in. We talked for hours. Lots of love to my family.
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Christine - November 10, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Payson R. "Whit" Whitney Jr..



November 03, 2023 at 09:57 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the Whitney Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in your time of grief, yet celebrating a life well lived.
Charlie & Donna Natale

Charles Natale - November 03, 2023 at 01:03 AM