



## Rocky Lee Whiteley

August 22, 1979 - January 10, 2023

Rocky Lee Whiteley greeted the Lord with his big infectious smile on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the age of 43.

Rocky was a man of joy and compassion. There was no such thing as a stranger to him, only a friend unmet. He never saw your faults, only the greatness in you. Everyone loved him and he loved everyone. Rocky had a magnetic personality and lit up every room he entered with his spirit and energy.

He was born to Robert Lee Whiteley and Cathy Higginbotham in Ardmore, Oklahoma on August 22, 1979. His three sons, Brandon, Dylan, and Kyler were the highlight of his life. He worked in the construction industry most of his adult life and advanced his career as a lead foreman.

He married his "Grumpy Bear" T-Anne Whiteley on May 25, 2019. The two have been traveling and working side by side, 24/7 for the last six and a half years. They loved doing life together and made the most of "life on the road" by creating memories outside of work. He was proud and supportive of his children's talents and achievements. Music was his outlet. It was always turned up way too loud or for Rocky, never loud enough. A karaoke machine was a must have for Rocky. He would sing his songs, and then cordially "voluntell" you that you are on deck. The most important part for him was not the beauty or ugliness of your voice, it was the friendship and memory that was created by the rawness of the moment. He once said, "nobody can hate karaoke once they stand in front of a group and let loose." To Rocky, karaoke was not just a hobby, it was an extension of his free and joyful spirit. It was his way of saying, "you are welcome and let's be friends."

He is survived by his wife T-Anne Whiteley; father Lee; mother Cathy Higginbotham; sister Jessi Voss and husband Christian; sister Lacey Robertson and husband Kodee; stepbrothers Waas and Colton Higginbotham, sons Brandon, Dylan, and Kyler; bonus children Samantha, Newlly, Kiegan, Alexis Lou and son-in-law Alex, and grandson Rory; nephews Lane and Cole Voss; nieces Rhyan Robertson and Rowan Higginbotham; grandmother Joe Anne Sloan, along with many other family and friends. He is preceded in death by uncle Mitch Dittus; grandfather Howard Whiteley; grandfather Keith Dutton; grandmother Barbara Whiteley; step uncle Allen Higginbotham; step grandmother Linda Higginbotham; stepfather Fred Higginbotham III.

Service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Moore Funeral Home in Tulsa, Oklahoma: 1908 S Memorial Dr. A celebration of life will follow from 4:30-8:30 at The American Legion Post 1 in Tulsa, Oklahoma: 1120 E 8th St.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation or to St. Jude Children's Hospital

Gary Sinise Foundation link:

<<https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/donate>>

(If you choose the Gary Sinise Foundation, put lacey.robertson@berryhillschools.org as the recipient email.)

St. Jude Children's Hospital link:

<[https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/GiftFunds/GiftFunds?px=7845807&pg=personal&fr\\_id=39300&fbclid=IwAR0TfCzRs\\_XS1X9IjiEGePW7OgnO1xi6Ackq7e-CeLlj51PFcqxKr6a\\_P8I](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/GiftFunds/GiftFunds?px=7845807&pg=personal&fr_id=39300&fbclid=IwAR0TfCzRs_XS1X9IjiEGePW7OgnO1xi6Ackq7e-CeLlj51PFcqxKr6a_P8I)>

# Tribute Wall



“ Moore Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Rocky Lee Whiteley



Moore Funeral Home - January 20 at 12:58 PM

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Rocky was a great person and friend we're so sorry we missed the service. Our hearts will always hurt for you 💔😭 God Bless our friend and rest in peace.

Olga & Charlie Twist - January 21 at 07:03 PM

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“ We met Rocky first when we were all staying at a hotel in Omaha. He and T-Anne would be out on the patio playing the boom box/ karaoke machine. It was connected to his soul as T- Anne was. Rocky did not go to many places without both of them. Rocky didn't know a stranger and soon our days/ nights were filled with music and laughter. One particular night I guess we all thought we were invincible and stayed up past midnight getting our crazy fun on but I guess the thing that everyone forgot was I was the only one that had to get up and go to work at 4am. I was pretty green that morning, but would not have traded it for the world. Once we all went our ways from the hotel, about 5 months later, it wasn't soon after he and T came back to town, came to our home and spent New Year's with us and stayed with us. And yes, the karaoke machine was there as well! That's a memory burned into my brain forever Rocky you will be missed along with your infectious smile. We Love you.

Give heaven your smile

Momma D & Keith Dils

St Jude's received a gift of love on your behalf❤️

Deana & Keith Dils - January 21 at 11:42 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rocky Lee Whiteley.



January 20 at 11:36 AM

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“ T-Anne, Lee, Cathy, Jessi & Lacey:

*My heart is so heavy for you all. May God comfort you and sustain you in the days ahead as you navigate without Rocky. Hold on to all the wonderful memories you have; and let him be your forever guiding light. That million-dollar smile of his will always be etched in my mind. RIP Rocky. Peace be upon you,*  
*Gina Robertson*



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**Gina Robertson** - January 20 at 11:05 AM