



## Michael Whitener

February 28, 1955 - January 25, 2012

Michael John "Whitey" Whitener passed away from heart complications on January 25, 2012. Born February 28, 1955 in Henderson, NV, he grew up in Newark, CA and settled in Sunol, CA where he owned New Earth Groundcovers. Whitey graduated from Newark High in 1973 and from Merced College in 1989. He served his country proudly in the US Air Force. Whitey was an avid fan and longtime season ticket holder of the SF Giants and 49ers, loved to play music with his friends and could often be found on the golf course. Whitey was a friend to all who knew him and will be deeply missed by all of his family and friends.

Whitey is survived by his parents, Guy & Barbara Whitener, and his beloved life partner, Stella Bronstein. He was a loving father to his children Sheila Pintor, Melissa Whitener, and David (Stacy) Whitener, brother to Bruce Whitener, and Brenda (Mike) Jeske. Whitey was the beloved grandfather of E.J., Heather, Caitlyn, Thomas, Jesse and Genna and great grandfather to Joseph. He will be missed by his nieces and nephews Nicholas, Kirstin, Stephanie, Shawn and Benjamin, and great nephews Hudson & Jacob. We all loved him so much!

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 4th at 1:00pm at Harbor Light Church in Fremont. A reception will follow to celebrate Whitey's life at the Elks Lodge in Fremont. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers,

we ask that you make a donation in Whitey?s memory to your favorite charity.

# Tribute Wall

KT

“ *Mike, you rocked. You touched a lot of lives. You are not forgotten.*

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**Ken Teel** - April 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Holy cow! I'm finding this so hard to believe that God needed him more than his family and friends. I hope he is happy in his new eternity! Rock on my friend.....Love and Peace*

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**Michael Bowles** - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Words seem inadequate to express the sadness felt for the loss of our friend Whitey. His passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of all those who knew him. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort his friends and family tomorrow.*

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**George M Morariu** - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Whitey, you will be missed here for sure, but we will meet again. Until then, I love you.*  
*Mark*

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**Mark Harrell** - February 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ It was a beautiful spring day and I was on my way to the NewEarth with a Philly cheesesteak sub and a six pack of Bud. Time to catch-up with Mike. Sitting in his trailer Mike was beaming as he talked about the love of his life Stella, his kids and the nursery. He was proud he served his country, and always was there to help a friend. He said " Petunia I don't sell to the public but I do sell to friends". Great smile, big heart and a true friend. Your "little flower" will miss you Mike. Thank you for being you!

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**Petunia** - February 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Mikey, I still cannot believe you are gone, its so not real and so unfair! I have a photos of you and I and you and my kids, in my digital picture frame and for some reason it seems that you appear much sooner on the frame, than you used to. Maybe your trying to send me a message...you did make me a promise, so you better be up there watching over her. Actually we all need you watching over us right now, cause everyone misses you more than you could imagine. So while you and Maggie are up there, drinking your beer with tomato juice, playing golf with your purple polo shirt and watching your Giants win this season...keep an eye on all of us, cause we sure do miss you. As you tell my boy's...Love You Man!!!

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**Angela Daroy** - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Stella,  
I am so sorry that Mike is gone. He was such an upbeat guy. He always have such positive things to say. Can't believe he is gone. He was so full of life. He will be missed by so many people. My prayers are with you and your family at this time.

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**Linda Taylor Simmers** - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Whitey!*

*We appreciate all you've done for us and with us over the last 20 years. My boys are lost in words, and in my book that means you made a great positive impact.*

*The next time I crack open a beer I'm going to try your tomato thing :-)*

*Love ya man!  
Maurice and Family*

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**Maurice** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Words cannot describe the type of person YT was. And so words also cannot describe the loss and shock we are all feeling right now. I know there?s nothing I can say or do to make this better, but please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your time of sorrow.*

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**Denise Lowney** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. Mike was a good man. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Pamela (Yells) Handley** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Sorry to hear about Michael you and your family will be in my prayers this sat day*

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**Dave sevilla** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ There are no words to adequately define my sorrow for your loss.  
You remain in my thoughts and prayers.  
RIP, Mike - God bless you.

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**Julia Plummer** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Whitey was a good friend in high school. We were on the golf team together and and were friends off the links as well. I think about him a lot and had hoped to touch base with him out at the nursery. I'll miss him. My sympathies to Mike's family.  
Danny

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**Danny Bushart** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Dear Bruce & family.  
Gail & I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this solumn time.

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**Ace Gilbert** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM