



Richard H Bohlken

December 1, 1943 - April 28, 2019

Whitey Bohlken, born Richard Harrison Bohlken in Marion, Iowa, passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Fairhope, AL, on Sunday, April 28th, 2019, at the age of 75. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of almost 22 years, Judy Bohlken, his mother Ella Bohlken, brother David Bohlken, and sister Pam Creech. He was a proud father to daughters Lori Weatherly and Kristin Fairchild, and to son James Addison, and son-in-law Kevin Fairchild. He was a doting grandfather to 7 grandchildren, Coty Addison, Jenna Addison, Ethan Weatherly, Isabel Weatherly, Addison Fairchild, Oscar Fairchild, and Trish Carroll. Also adored by Whitey were his nephew Michael Creech, his wife Kim and their children Robert and Jessica, and his niece, Kim Gantt and her children Charlie and Abby Gantt. He also had 2 daughters from a previous marriage, Lisa Gale and Nikki Tapp. He is preceded in death by his father Harrison Bohlken and daughter Lisa Gale.

After graduating high school, Whitey joined the marine corps and served his country for 4 years. As an adult, he moved to Alabama and settled in Fairhope where he opened a business making and selling fishing tackle. Later in life, he enjoyed selling building supplies for NFL, and after retirement, he continued as a handyman for Mannich Real Estate, as well as lawn care for many of his neighbors in the Hollowbrook community where he and his wife, Judy, built their home 14 years ago.

Whitey was very active and was always busy with home improvements. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved boating, fishing, and camping. He was a hard worker, never met a stranger, and would help anyone who needed it. He could always be counted on, whether it was taking his grandchild to softball practice or helping a neighbor with a home repair, he was always there with a smile on his face. He was dearly loved by many and will be deeply missed, but remain in our hearts forever.

Whitey's life will be celebrated at his favorite place on earth, his home in Fairhope, on Saturday, May 18th, from 2-4pm.
Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Alabama

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dennis & Betty Gogel lit a candle in memory of Richard H Bohlken*



Dennis & Betty Gogel - May 18, 2019 at 01:50 PM

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“ *Evonne Bilbo lit a candle in memory of Richard H Bohlken*



Evonne Bilbo - May 03, 2019 at 11:10 PM

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“ *I will always remember Whitey as a valued and integral part of our Hollowbrook community. I got to know him and had the pleasure of serving with him (more than once!) on the board of the Homeowners Association. Throughout the many challenges we faced, he was always kind to me and willing to listen. Whitey was a hard worker and not only volunteered for community events, but was also willing to help his fellow neighbors with their lawns and home repairs. I know he was proud of his home and his yard, which was always so beautifully and lovingly maintained. My heart goes out to Judy and to all of his family and friends. I hope their memories of him will keep him forever with them. RIP, Whitey. You will not be forgotten.*



Judi Smith - May 01, 2019 at 04:46 PM