



Philip V. Whisner

January 18, 1945 - February 1, 2021

Philip Vernon "Whiz" Whisner, 76, of Garden City, passed away on February 1, 2021. Born on January 18, 1945 in Dearborn, MI, Phil was the son of Lawrence and Virginia (Connally). He graduated from Edsel Ford High School, and honorably served the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

Phil owned and operated Whisner Enterprises in Garden City for nearly 40 years, proudly co-operating with his son Joseph for the last several years. He was well-known for his specialty in the restoration of vintage cars and antiques alike, having performed numerous builds for shows such as Autorama and collector pieces throughout the years.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 44 years, Barbara (Hoffman) of Garden City; his daughter, Jamie Stinson, son-in-law, David, and grandson, Jacob, of Canton, MI; his son, Joseph Whisner, of Garden City; his sister, Judith Motley of Dearborn, MI; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and sister Phyllis Martin.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 12-4 pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd, Westland, MI 48185 followed by funeral services at 4 pm. The family will be holding a private burial.

Flowers may be sent to Vermeulen Funeral Home or donations may be made in Phil's memory to the Disabled America Veterans (<https://www.dav.org/>)

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
980 North Newburgh Road
Westland, MI 48185
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Funeral Service

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Philip V. Whisner*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *If there's anyone (besides my own mother and father) that I owe a debt to in this world, it's Phil Whisner. He was like a father to me. A great role model. He taught me about body work and paint on cars. He employed me for a good 5-8 years. I spent a lot of time with him. I am grateful for these years. You are gone too soon my man. Autorama will not be the same without you, but your art lives on in peoples vehicles, and your son also perpetuates it. God speed Phil!*

Rich DeBene - February 07, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Peace be with the family.*

The Lassen's - February 06, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Pat Martin & Marty Kotyk purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Philip V. Whisner.*



Pat Martin & Marty Kotyk - February 03, 2021 at 04:33 PM

JC

“ A man of few words but a lifetime of loving actions. He was a man I admired as a father. He was always there for Jamie and I. If we asked for him to move a car out of the way to play basketball it was done! If we asked for Phil to be our baseball pitcher so we could play baseball it was done! If we heard the ice cream truck and asked for some it was given! Phil was always working hard but he was never too busy to be with Jamie and I. He was never too busy to eat dinner with his family. I had a wonderful time growing up with Phil as my best friends Dad. He will be missed but always alive in my heart with fond memories.
Love, Jennine Crosby

Jennine Crosby - February 03, 2021 at 03:52 PM



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Rich DeBene - February 07, 2021 at 08:47 PM

RS

Just found out about Phil...I knew he was sick, but was never that close to know details. He was a great asset to the world with his craft... He restored a many of awesome items for my brother Greg and I...things that will be passes down for decades as Americana that will always be appreciated by whomever owns them after us. Thanks Phil for the great work, and fairness, may you rest now. God bless your soul.
Rick S.

Rick S. - March 30, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Philip V. Whisner.



February 03, 2021 at 03:50 PM