



David "Terry" Whitlow

November 14, 1960 - December 22, 2025

In loving memory of David Terrill Whitlow (Terry)

November 14th, 1960, to December 22nd, 2025

David Terrill Whitlow (Terry), 65 years old, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones on Monday, December 22nd, 2025.

Terry, also lovingly known as "Podge," was a skilled craftsman whose work and character left a lasting mark on those around him. A proud ironworker and longtime member of Ironworkers Local 70, he spent his career shaping the community, his legacy visible in the many buildings he helped construct. In recent years, he utilized his extensive expertise working alongside his wife in their business, Whitlow Safety, ensuring the safety of fellow ironworkers.

An avid outdoorsman, Terry instilled a love of nature in his children from the moment they were old enough to carry a sleeping bag. In his younger years, he would hitchhike with friends to the Red River Gorge, spending days exploring the wilderness and camping in "secret" spots. His appreciation for the outdoors remained constant throughout his life, whether backcountry camping, fishing, skiing, running, or spending time at Trailwood Lake with his beloved mother, stepfather, family, and friends.

Terry was known for his humor, quick wit, and playful spirit. He was endlessly creative. A true mastermind of industrious ideas, he was always imagining what he might build next. The treehouse he built for his children was one of iron and spanned two trees. One of his favorite memories was his daughter Ashley's response to a newly constructed gazebo. When unveiled, young

Ashley responded with affectionate honesty, declaring, “Ding, dong, you’re wrong, it’s just another shed.”

His work ethic was unmatched, yet it was surpassed by the fierce love he carried for his family. His earthly absence will be felt by those he loved for the rest of their lives. Terry will forever be remembered for his humor, creativity, kindness, and love.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Alberta Stoltz and David Whitlow; his stepfather, Paul Stoltz; and his sister, Diana Henry.

He is survived by his first wife, Kimberly Greenrose, and their children: Ashley Morris (Jad), Tyler Whitlow (Jackie), and Anna Fransen (Alex); his wife, Valerie Whitlow, and her children, Lea McIntosh and Brian McIntosh; his nephew, Christian Henry; and his grandchildren, Emma and William (children of Ashley) and Braxton (child of Lea).

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to Red River Gorge United, a land trust alliance committed to preserving the natural wilderness of the Red River Gorge, and Friends of Red River, a coalition committed to cleaning and protecting the Red River. These donations will help protect and preserve the wilderness Terry loved and spent so much of his life exploring with family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cremation to Follow

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (est)

Owen Funeral Homes - Dixie Highway
5317 Dixie Highway
Louisville, KY 40216
(502) 447-2600
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (est)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ I am very sad to hear that Terry (as I knew him) is gone. He was a good friend and a big part of my crazy teenage friend group! Although I haven't seen him in decades, I can see that he lived a full life, was loved by his family and respected by his friends and coworkers.
Rest in peace.

Suzanne Elswick Sambell - January 04 at 06:28 PM

JC

“ Rest Easy Brother .
David was one of a kind . I always enjoyed working with Dave , his quick wit and his skills were always something that caught your attention. I always considered him the McGiver of our trade . He did some of the most unorthodox things but they always worked and I would just shake my head and add his “ tricks “ to my game.
God Bless you Dave and prayers for your family.

Jeff Cundiff - January 01 at 06:18 PM

HP

“ HMC VA PIPEFITTERS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David "Terry" Whitlow.

HMC VA PIPEFITTERS - December 26, 2025 at 06:03 PM

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“ HMC VA PIPEFITTERS purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David "Terry" Whitlow.



HMC VA PIPEFITTERS - December 26, 2025 at 06:03 PM

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“ Chip Williams & family. Local 25 purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David "Terry" Whitlow.



Chip Williams & family. Local 25 - December 25, 2025 at 07:48 PM

DJ

“ Shellie we are sorry to hear about Terry. He always called us family and that's how he treated us. Just said whatever he wanted with that quick wit of his. He's gonna be missed. May God Bless and watch over you all. Love Nate and Darlene

Darlene and Nate Jones - December 24, 2025 at 03:39 PM

VW

He was my dream come true! I will miss him every second of the day!

Valerie Whitlow - May 03 at 09:35 AM



“ *Podge ("Dave") was one of a kind. I've laughed so hard around this guy my stomach hurt. He's made me mad at times because he would tell you the truth. We weren't close friends but we were coworkers long ago. His knowledge and character were and will always be respected. If you were around Dave Whitlow you couldn't help but like him. Rest easy my friend.*

Rex Messmer - December 24, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ *I got a lot of knowledge and skills from Dave he took the time to show me so much in the field he was a true friend and a brother iron worker!!!*

Tony vincent - December 24, 2025 at 01:42 PM