



## Jay Raymond Whyte

July 15, 1954 - August 14, 2020

JAY RAYMOND WHYTE, 66, of Matthews (Stallings) NC, formerly of Parker - grocer, volunteer fireman, and avid fisherman- passed away peacefully Friday, August 14, 2020, at his home following a long battle with Polycystic Kidney Disease and its complications.

Born in Butler, Pa. on July 15, 1954, he was the son of the late James L. and Esther Bertocki Whyte.

He is married to Diane Kriebel Whyte of their home with forty-one years of marriage, and she survives. He is so very grateful for the unwavering dedication, care, and support Diane gave throughout his long illness.

Jay graduated from Allegheny-Clarion Valley School in 1972. Long before graduating from school, he began employment with his father at Whyte's Market of Parker at the age of fourteen. He later became a partner with his late brother, Donald J. Whyte until 1998. Then he and Diane bought the former Rodger's Comet, and together they operated Whyte's Comet Market on River Ave. until selling the store in 2017, retiring to North Carolina due to his (Jay) health.

Most mornings, Jay could be found mopping and waxing the floors of his operation as he took great pride in having a clean facility. He truly loved visiting with all patrons who came into the store and lending a helping hand to those in need. He was known for his kindness, and as a volunteer, there are countless stories about how "Jay saved several lives" with his ambulance and fire company dedication.

He was a volunteer firefighter for 43 years and an EMT for 37 years with Parker City Vol. Fire Dept., as well as a former Rotarian, member of Parker City Municipal Authority, and served on the Parker Centennial Committee. With all of this to his credit, he found time to be fishing on the “Allegheny” with his dog Beefy and going to Canada to fish for Muskie.

In addition to his wife Diane, he is survived by three children: Elizabeth (Brian) Allison of Noblesville, IN., Haley (Wade) Barts of Charlotte, NC., and Allen (Savannah) Whyte of Clarksville, TN.; grandchildren Preston and Ella Chandler and Jameson Barts; sister LuAnne Whyte Scruggs of Waxhaw, NC., and brother Eddie (Justine) Whyte of Parker; special aunts: Dolores Bertocki Malcolm and Ella Jane Whyte Frederick; mother-in-law: Marilyn (Jean) Kriebel of Parker, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother Donny Whyte and brother-in-law Marvin Scruggs.

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Home, 201 So. Wayne Ave., Parker will be open for visitation to the public from 9:00 AM Thursday through 8:00 PM the same day. However, the family will be present from 2:00 PM Thursday until 8:00 PM the same day. Due to Covid-19 Pandemic and CDC/Pa. mandates, a private family funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Friday in the funeral home with private burial service at Parker Presbyterian Cemetery to follow. Rev. Dan Myers, United Methodist minister will officiate.

A Fireman’s Memorial Service will be held at 6:00 PM Thursday (outside) at the funeral home parking area. Masks required and social distancing will be observed under the direction of PCVFD for this service.

Due to the CDC and Pa. Dept. of Health mandates, the public is urged to wear masks and practice social distancing during the public-family visitation from

2:00 to 8:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to PCVFD, 204 So. Wayne Ave., Parker, Pa. 16049 or Polycystic Kidney Foundation, 1001 E. 101st Terrace, Suite 220, Kansas City, MO., 64131.

# Cemetery Details

**Parker Presbyterian**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**AUG 20.** 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

H. Jack Buzard Funeral Homes, Inc. Parker  
201 S. Wayne Street  
PO Box 21  
Parker, PA 16049  
(724) 791-2484

### Fireman's Service

**AUG 20.** 6:00 PM - 6:15 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Diane, Elizabeth, Haley, Allen, Louann, Eddie and Justine,  
Our sincere condolences go out to you all. So sorry to hear of Jay's  
passing.  
Always friendly, willing to help anyone, he will be missed. Praying  
for all of you in this difficult time. Cindy & Jim Rapp*

**cindy Rapp** - August 26, 2020 at 05:16 PM

DW

*Thank you Cindy*

**Diane Whyte** - September 11, 2020 at 01:24 AM

PO

“ *Was so sad to check the obituaries and see that Jay had passed  
away. I've known the Whytes my whole life. Jay was a good man.  
AlwAys busy at the store or the fire company and a good friend to  
my dad. Another one of Parker's best gone. My sincerest  
condolences to Diane and all his family. RIP Jay 🥹❤️*

**Pam Shakley Olama** - August 22, 2020 at 09:29 AM

DW

*Thank you Pam*

**Diane Whyte** - September 11, 2020 at 01:23 AM

AF

“ Mom (Ellen Jane Frederick-Whyte) and I have been thinking of my cousin Jay and what a nice,nice person he was and a good hard working man. I remember the many hot dog and corn roasts at our summer camp (Eddie and Justines' home now) when all the cousins and Aunt Ester and Uncle Jimmy would come round the pond to join us and visit. Jay and all his family and relatives are in our prayers. Amy Frederick-Cobb



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**Amy Frederick-Cobb** - August 21, 2020 at 10:57 PM

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*Thank you Amy*

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**Diane Whyte** - September 11, 2020 at 01:24 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jay Raymond Whyte.



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August 20, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Michael Whyte** - August 19, 2020 at 04:29 PM

DW

*Thank you Michael*

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**Diane Whyte** - September 11, 2020 at 01:25 AM

AO

“ *My condolences on the passing of my classmate Jay. Keeping the family in my prayers at this time. Anita Fierst OBrien*

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**Anita M OBrien** - August 19, 2020 at 02:47 PM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Jay was a wonderful man who did honor to his parents, his family, and the city of Parker.*

*The Kaufman Family - Kathleen, Tom, Bill, Maggie, Raymond, Paul, and Ed.*

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**The Kaufman Family** - August 19, 2020 at 11:04 AM

NF

“ Nancy Whyte, Barbara Fellows, and Charlie Fellows purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jay Raymond Whyte.



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**Nancy Whyte, Barbara Fellows, and Charlie Fellows** - August 19, 2020 at 06:29 AM

NW

“ Nancy Wagner lit a candle in memory of Jay Raymond Whyte



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**Nancy Wagner** - August 18, 2020 at 02:09 PM

NW

*Diane,Liz,Allen,Haley and families,  
My deepest sympathy for all of you. May God hold all of you extra close and bring you comfort at this difficult time. Jay was such a nice man and a great man for all he did for Parker. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Nancy Wagner** - August 18, 2020 at 02:23 PM

DW

*Thank you Nancy*

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**Diane Whyte** - September 11, 2020 at 01:26 AM

TB

“ Tom/Stacy Bullman sent a virtual gift in memory of Jay Raymond Whyte



Tom/Stacy Bullman - August 18, 2020 at 05:05 AM

MS

So remember dear Jay's days at market when we came home in summers. God bless n comfort all the family. Love to all. Mary bowser Smalligan

Mary Smalligan - August 18, 2020 at 08:10 AM

TH

“ Luann & Eddie,  
You truly had a great brother. Rick & I both have many great stories we shared with Jay. Esther, Jimmy, Mom & Dad are going to have their hands full with these 3. (Jay, Donnie & Chink) Eddie when your looking out across the pond imagine us all skating across it. Guys we have so many great memories of our brother. Deepest sympathy  
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Tina & Rick

Tina & Rick Heeter - August 17, 2020 at 10:00 PM

TH

“ Diane, Elizabeth, Haley & Allen,  
You have our deepest sympathy. Your husband & father was truly a great person. We've spent many good times with him thru the years. Loved this guy,  
Tina & Rick Heeter

Tina & Rick Heeter - August 17, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ A great friend and ambulance squad attendee, I thank him for allowing me to joined the ambulance squad after I joined fire co. at age 16. I was the first woman to join ambulance squad at age 16. My prayers for the family and all my brothers and sisters at the fire dept, my heart aches for all , he will be missed but the stories we share of his good ness will never end, because Love never dies. His legacy lives on. Love ya all in Parker.

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**Carrie Atkins** - August 17, 2020 at 09:40 PM