



James R. "Diamond Jim" Whorton

August 20, 1948 - October 22, 2021

James R. "Diamond Jim" Whorton, age 73 of Glen Dale, WV passed away Friday, October 22, 2021 in Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Glen Dale.

He was born August 20, 1948 in Trenton, MI the son of the late Donald and Sidney Yoho Whorton.

He was a retired employee from the WV Division of Corrections and had worked security at the Marshall County Magistrate Court; a US Army Veteran having served in Vietnam; was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, Moundsville VFW Post #437, American Legion Earl Francis Post #3 and Elite's Rod & Gun Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Roxanne Perrelli.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mary Ruth Key Whorton; two sons, Thomas James "TJ" (Krista) Whorton of Westerville, OH, and Matthew (Nicole) Whorton of Wheeling, WV; four grandchildren, Lexie and Emmy Whorton, and Colin and Ella Whorton; a brother, Donald "Paige" (Michele) Whorton of Benwood, WV; a dear close friend and cousin, Jimmy Whorton of Moundsville and several nieces and nephews.

Private Funeral Mass will be held at St. Jude Catholic Church, Glen Dale at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Catholic Church, 710 Jefferson Avenue, Glen Dale, WV 26038.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, Moundsville.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ I am sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather. May the memories bring you comfort and peace during this sorrowful time.

Andrea Schamp - November 03, 2021 at 12:43 PM

JN

“ Mary Ruth, my brother just informed me of Jim’s passing, I’m so sorry to hear this news, saying prayers for you and your family.
Jeff Nightingale

Jeff Nightingale - November 02, 2021 at 09:20 AM

KR

“ Mary Ruth, I am so sorry to see this and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your boys and grandchildren. Jimmy was a very special man he loved his family and he was a true friend forever. He was always so good to me and Steve and I will never forget that. I wish you nothing but peace and happiness. Take care of yourself and always know that your husband loved you with all his heart!! We all had some great times together many years ago!! A lot of fun and many memories.
“Karen”

Karen Robbins - October 28, 2021 at 01:32 AM

CM

“ Jimmy will be greatly missed. He lit up a room when he entered it and brought out the very best in others with his charm, charisma and humor. Our Jimmy work stories are some of the best ones we have and he holds a very special place in our hearts. We are sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship.
~ Chris and Brandy Miller

Chris and Brandy Miller - October 27, 2021 at 03:43 PM

KT

“ So very sorry to hear the news of Jim's passing. Prayers for the family and friends. Not only was he one of the best supervisors I have had in my career, I learned a lot from the man and he became one of my dearest friends. RIP Sarge. You Will Be Missed.

Kevin Thomas - October 27, 2021 at 10:40 AM

CP

“ Mary Ruth, TJ, Matt & Family,
To say we are saddened to hear of Jim's passing is an understatement. The world has lost a wonderful person. God bless him & you all! You are in our prayers. Love Caroline & David Pentzien

Caroline & David Pentzien - October 27, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James R. "Diamond Jim" Whorton.



October 27, 2021 at 06:46 AM

RO

“ We are so glad we were able to meet Diamond Jim. Wish we could have gotten to know him better. We will keep you in our thoughts & payers.
Rich & Meg Otte

Rich Otte - October 26, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *Classic Charcuterie Snacks Gift Set was purchased for the family of James R. "Diamond Jim" Whorton.*



October 26, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *Mary Ruth, TJ, and Matt,
I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking of you during this difficult time. Chad Stout and family.*

Chad Stout - October 26, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *Mary Ruth and Family,

My condolences on the loss of Jimmy. He was truly a sweetheart and will be missed!*

Carla Siburt - October 26, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *Mary Ruth, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Marlisa informed me of Jim's passing. I will keep you close in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.*

Todd Francisco - October 26, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jimmy passing, He was a good guy and always friendly, One of my favorite cousins, Prayers to Mary Ruth and family and to Paige and family. He was loved.*

paulawhorton - October 26, 2021 at 11:23 AM

CM

“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of James R. Whorton, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Army Veteran, James R. Whorton, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl J Skinner Tri-State Military Muse - October 25, 2021 at 06:01 PM

JR

*Mary Ruth
So sorry to hear of Your husband Jimmies sudden death. I'm sure it leaves a vacant place in your life and the lives of your family.
Pat and I send our condolences and concern.
John and Pat Rice*

John Rice - October 26, 2021 at 03:05 PM

ML

“ *Mary Ruth, I am so so saddened about Jim's death; he was so devoted to you. I am praying for you and the boys during this difficult time. God bless you all. Mike Lohri*

Mike Lohri - October 25, 2021 at 05:13 PM

RH

“ *To the family, sorry for your loss and our deepest condolences. We both learned a lot from Jimmy and it was a blessing to know him.*
Richard and Jennifer Hayes

Richard Hayes - October 25, 2021 at 12:26 AM

DY

So sorry to hear of Jim passing Herb and Gary like playing cards with him he was a good friend. Herb, Dianna and Gary Yeager

Dianna Yeager - October 25, 2021 at 02:49 PM

CY

“ *Met Jimmy at work at NRJCF when it opened. He had character, and was true to his word. He did things how it should be done. Pulled no punches. Just a great all around person. I am saddened to hear of his passing. The world will miss him, but heaven gained an angel with a joking, honest personality. Loved this man.*



Carol Ann Yeater - October 24, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James R. "Diamond Jim" Whorton.*



October 24, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Bobbie Lou Harman lit a candle in memory of James R. "Diamond Jim" Whorton*



Bobbie Lou Harman - October 24, 2021 at 03:01 PM

BD

“ *Mary Ruth and Boys,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim
always had a smile and pleasant thoughts ...
you guys were the lights of his life! Heaven
gained another special angel!*



Betty Duffy - October 24, 2021 at 01:12 PM

DM

“ *Sorry to hear about Jim's death. I knew him from High School and
from the Northern Regional Corrections in Moundsville.. I , also ,
remember him riding the bicycle at the gym. I wish his family well.
May he rest in peace.*

David Miller - October 24, 2021 at 10:39 AM

GG

“ *Mary Ruth and family, so very sorry for your loss. Jim was a great
guy and a good friend. He will surely be missed by all who knew
him. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Greg Gompers - October 24, 2021 at 10:25 AM

DY

*Sorry to hear of Jim passing Herb love playing cards with him.
Thoughts and prayers for all his family.*

Dianna Yeager - October 25, 2021 at 01:18 PM

MP

“ *Mary Ruth and family, so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Michele Neubauer Page

Michele Neubauer Page - October 24, 2021 at 09:31 AM

CW

“ *Cindy Whorton lit a candle in memory of James R. "Diamond Jim" Whorton*



cindy whorton - October 24, 2021 at 04:40 AM

JK

“ *Sorry to hear about DIAMOND. A person who was as unique as the gem he was named after. Jim was one of those rare ones from my life who "was a character" and "had character". He was as honest and trustworthy as they come. Also, my favorite LEFT HANDED card dealer.. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his family and many friends.*

Jay Knapp - October 23, 2021 at 11:12 PM

RL

“ *Jim was one great friend. He helped closing the New Wall section after I had him pulled back into WVP from Northern. He also was a great back up on any given situation that occurred through out his teniour. God bless him and Mary Ruth and sons.*

Rihard Littell - October 23, 2021 at 09:26 PM

AG

“ Sgt. Whorton was one of the best men I have ever met in my life. He took me under his wing when I started for the DOC. He treated me like I was his daughter. He was loved by many and will be missed terribly. The world lost a great man and heaven gained an amazing soul. Deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Rest easy, buddy.

Amy Gaston-Patterson - October 23, 2021 at 07:42 PM

KC

“ Mary Ruth, I am so sorry to hear about Jimmy. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. As you remember, and share stories, please remember he is still living in your hearts. Please let me know if I can do anything at all.

kathy Chavanak - October 23, 2021 at 06:27 PM

KJ

“ My dearest Mary Ruth:
There are no words to console you. There are no bits of Wisdom to make things better now.
Because of you and Jim, I met Toby.....because you two invited me to go out when I was so skiddish.
You and Jim and your family are in my prayer. Know that you are remembered.
Our sincerest sympathy,
Toby and Kathy

Kathy Supan Jeffers - October 23, 2021 at 05:31 PM

MI

“ We are heartbroken! Things will never be the same around here. Jimmy was like a grandfather to Taylor. We will miss him dearly! Much love to all of you!
Taylor, Michele and Steve

Michele - October 23, 2021 at 03:56 PM

DO

“ Love and prayers for the Whorton family. We loved Jimmy very much and will miss his kindness and smiles. We have wonderful memories of trips and many family card games. Whenever we needed to know what card to play he would always help us out! Heaven certainly gained an amazing angel. Love, Mike & Denise

Denise Otte - October 23, 2021 at 03:41 PM