



## Fred Whitman

July 6, 1941 - August 19, 2010

Fred Thomas Whitman, age 69 of Hazelhurst, WI died on Thursday August 19th at his residence. Fred was born on July 6, 1941 in Merrill, WI the son of Fred and Mary (nee Sullivan) Whitman.

Fred and his wife Mary owned and operated Whitman's Resort and Tavern for 46 years. He was a member of the Tavern League of Wisconsin and served as a State Director. Fred also was the 1st President and organizer of the Lakeland Tavern League and was a charter member of the Hazelhurst Lions Club.

Fred was an avid Packer and Badger football fan and enjoyed fishing and loved going to the Hunting Shack for deer hunting and loved spending time with his golden retrievers.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Hazelhurst, WI and by 2 Daughters: Nicole (Jeremy) Straus of Dallas, TX and Shauna Whitman of Hazelhurst, WI and by numerous friends.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial Mass will be held on Friday August 27th at 1:00 PM at Holy Family Catholic Church in Woodruff, WI with a Memorial Gathering from 11:00 AM till time of service.

Celebration of Fred's life will be held after the Memorial Service at Whitman's Bar.

In lieu of flowers memorials to Hazelhurst Lions Club, Dr. Kate Lakeland Hospice or Sky Ranch for Boys in South Dakota.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.bolgerfuneral.com](http://www.bolgerfuneral.com)

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FAMILY.

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God be with your family during this difficult time as you mourn your loss and look back on the memories.

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**the Finamore Family** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

AL

“ Mary and family - you are in my thoughts. Fred was a great uncle and always made me laugh whenever I was near him.

Amy

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**Amy Lowe** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

DJ

“ Mary, Nicole and Shauna:

*So sorry to hear about Fred. I wish I could have been up there. I remember the first time we visited the cabins I was almost 9 months pregnant with Donna - mid August, 41 years ago. Everyone was afraid I was going to go into labor up there. But we said the first baby is always late, and she was, thank goodness. So many great memories. Fred would always have time for our girls when they were young. Julie would watch closely in the fish house when Fred and Grandpa Benson were cleaning fish. We couldn't find AJ a couple of years ago at the cabins. Finally we saw him on the back of Fred's trailer going up the hill, just going along for the ride as Fred picked up stuff around the campsite. Fred never said no to the kids. He will be missed. May all of your memories comfort you.*

*Diane Benson Johnston*

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**Diane Benson Johnston** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

MB

“Forty-six years ago Fred and his mother came to Hazelhurst. A lot has changed in those 46 years but fortunately some things have stayed the same - Fred, friends and fun.

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**Margaret (Nickels) Bare** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

MS

“I've known Fred for almost 60 years. His dad and mine worked at the old Ward Paper mill and I got to know Fred at the mill summer picnics. We became better friend in high school. Went to old Lakeview at lot. Went to school in Green Bay for a semester with Fred. Always an interesting ride home on Friday nights to see who would get to Merrill first. Didn't see Fred a lot after he moved up north as I was in Wisconsin Rapids. Every year it seems Fred would make one trip to Merrill during Fair week. We would meet up and talk about things just like we saw each other every day or so. Same thing at the reunion we just attended. Had a good visit I'm glad I had. Fred will be really missed.

*Mike Saeger*

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**Michael and Margie Saeger** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

SK

“Mary and Family- So sorry to learn about Fred. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sheila & Harley*

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**Sheila & Harley Klagos** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

SW

“ Our sincere condolences to Mary and family. We have many fun, happy memories of times at Whitman's and of Freddie. I loved seeing him in the 4th of July parade over the years, and I know everyone else did as well...especially the kids who got the candy he threw! God bless.

*Sherry & Troy, Upper Kaubashine*

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**Sherry & Troy Waltersdorf** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

TS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. Mary, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your daughters. You will be in our prayers and please let us know if you need anything. We only live on Blue Lake Rd. a short distance from the bar. 715-358-0278

*With deepest sympathy,  
Danny & Tammy Steg*

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**Tammy L. Steg** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

TK

“ LABOR DAY was always the best. Sleep well my friend! A FAIR DINKUM GOOD NIGHT.  
TOBEY

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**Tobey Kellogg** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

RP

“ Our condolences, Mary to you and your family. Back in the mid 1960's Chuck Klebenow and I would come up from Wausau to help Freddie paint the cottages in preparation for the Summer season. In the evening I would play my guitar and sing until the bar closed. It was great fun for me and we met a lot of great people there. May the good Lord bless and keep you.

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**Rick & Betty Petzold** - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM