



## Gwen Marie Whitney

July 12, 1960 - March 28, 2016

Gwen Marie Whitney, age 55, of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away Monday, March 28, 2016, at The University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. She was born on July 12, 1960, in Stickney, Illinois, a daughter of Gerald and Jean (Smuda) Rebut.

On July 23, 1983, in Stickney, Illinois, she was united in marriage to her surviving husband, Steve Whitney.

Gwen was employed as the activity director for Windsor Estates in Camdenton for many years. She enjoyed coaching a variety of sports involving children of the lake community. Gwen was an instrumental committee member that brought soccer to Camdenton High School. She served on the Lake Ozark Soccer Board for many years. Gwen was very involved in the PTA at the Hurricane Deck Elementary School, hosting variety shows and coordinating haunted houses at Halloween, just to name a few.

In her spare time, she enjoyed crafting, designing costumes, gardening and playing volleyball and softball.

In addition to her husband Steve, she is survived by her daughter, Lauren Whitney Neal and husband Jordan of Overland Park, Kansas; sons, Andrew Whitney of Madrid, Spain and Steven Whitney and Patricia Turgeon of

Denver, Colorado; mother, Jean Rebout of Stickney, Illinois; brother, Greg Rebout of Stickney, Illinois; sister, Gail Chillo and husband John of Riverside, Illinois; nieces, Sarah Chillo, Whitney DeBourge; nephews, Michael Chillo, Mark Chillo, Joseph Cope and Nick Benakis; mother-in-law, Patricia Whitney of Laurie, Missouri and many friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Rebout, brother, Gary Rebout, grandmother, Angeline Smuda and her father-in-law, George Whitney, Jr.

A celebration of Gwen's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 2nd, at the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, at the church. Entombment will be held at a later date in the columbarium at Garber Memorial Estates in Laurie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Steve Whitney, with funds to be dispersed to charities such as the Dyslexic Institute and the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Garber Memorial Estates

417 Silvey Rd.  
Laurie, MO 65038  
(573) 374-7688

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church  
305 N. Main St.  
Laurie, MO 65038

## Celebration of Life

APR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Cindy (Schmidt) Campbell lit a candle in memory of Gwen Marie Whitney*



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**Cindy (Schmidt) Campbell** - May 09, 2016 at 07:15 PM



“ *Treva Trower lit a candle in memory of Gwen Marie Whitney*



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**Treva Trower** - April 03, 2016 at 09:41 PM



“ *My heart is heavy tonight as I just learned of her passing. I knew Gwen from working with her at Windsor. She was an amazing, big hearted women who truly loved and lived to bring joy into those residents lives...even for the briefest moment. My daughter volunteered for her since 2010. She just learned of her passing as well and it won't be the same without her there. My thoughts and prayers r with her family. RIP Gwen, u'll be greatly missed. We'll never forget you!*

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**Treva Trower** - April 03, 2016 at 09:37 PM

DN

“ Take care Steve. Sorry for the loss.



Deb Noe - April 02, 2016 at 04:12 PM

Susan Emert

“ Susan Emert lit a candle in memory of Gwen Marie Whitney



Susan Emert - April 02, 2016 at 09:49 AM

Susan Emert

Steve and family, so so sorry for your loss Gwen was a very sweet lady. Sending you prayers and comfort to help to get through this unbearable time.

Susan Emert - April 02, 2016 at 09:52 AM

SR

“ I only knew Gwen when I interned at Windsor, but she made quite an impact. She was very loving and kind to her residents and she will be dearly missed.



Stephanie Rollins - April 01, 2016 at 04:28 PM

RL

“ My name is Renee Lynch. I am the Hallelujah Hands Puppet Team director. We loved coming to Windsor Estates and seeing Gwen. Very saddened when we heard at Easter about her. We have been praying for the family. God bless you! Loved Gwen very much.  
Branch Assembly of God Church- Renee

Renee Lynch - April 01, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ Robyn Phillips lit a candle in memory of Gwen Marie Whitney



Robyn Phillips - April 01, 2016 at 02:31 PM

Lisa Sausley

“ Lisa Sausley lit a candle in memory of Gwen Marie Whitney



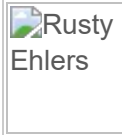
Lisa Sausley - April 01, 2016 at 01:44 PM

SB

“ Sheila Boyer lit a candle in memory of Gwen Marie Whitney



Sheila Boyer - April 01, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ *Rusty Ehlers lit a candle in memory of Gwen Marie Whitney*



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**Rusty Ehlers** - April 01, 2016 at 10:01 AM