



## William Cole Whitman

December 7, 1988 - December 3, 2025

William Cole Whitman, age 36, was born December 7, 1988, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Billy Carroll Whitman and Dixie Dawn Whitman. He passed away on December 3, 2025, at his home in Anadarko.

Cole grew up in Binger and attended Binger-Oney School, graduating with the Class of 2007. He later attended Redlands Community College. He made his home in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Cole was a member of the Binger Baptist Church, where he was baptized.

Cole married the love of his life, Katie Tilley, March 25, 2015, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma what the family remembers as a “\$40 jailhouse wedding.” To this union, one child was born, William Call Whitman. Cole and his dad, Bill, shared a bond like no other, but nothing surpassed the love he had for his son. He was the kind of father who always showed up—every ball game, every wrestling match, every ride. He was, without a doubt, the best dad around. He also enjoyed having breakfast with his mom, Dixie every Saturday. Cole had a giving spirit. Every Christmas, he quietly sponsored families in need, making sure they had gifts to open. He was an avid hunter and was well known for his humor—he loved to stir people up and lived for the teasing. Though gruff at times, with people he had the biggest heart. He was known for his ability to write, loved to read, and loved all animals (except horses) were trademarks of who he was. His friendship wasn’t offered easily, but when it was, his loyalty knew no bounds.

He began working in the oil field at the young age of 14 alongside his dad and

granddad. He and his father Bill were the best of friends.

Cole is survived by his wife, Katie, of the home; their son, William Call; his mother, Dixie Whitman of Binger; his father, Bill Whitman and Nancy of Fort Cobb; his maternal grandmother, Joyce Boyd of Binger; his paternal grandmother, Jeanne Rutherford and Mike of Hollis; his father-in-law, Rick and Sallie Tilley of Meers; his brother-in-law, Patrick Tilley and Kara, and Jensen, of Sterling; his sister-in-law, Kim Tilley, and her daughter, Memfiss, of Carnegie; along with numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles. He was a good and dear friend to many others.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Don Boyd; his paternal grandfather, Clyde Whitman; and his mother-in-law, Kim Tilley.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to your local animal shelter.

Services are under the direction of Smith Funeral Home in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.smithfuneralservices.com](http://www.smithfuneralservices.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church, Ft. Cobb  
300 Towakonie  
Ft. Cobb, OK 73038

# Tribute Wall

BT

“ *Bill, I wish I had the words to make this better, I'd say em a million times over and over. I am very sorry for the loss of your wonderful Cole. Love you brother, and I pray for all the comfort and mercy our lord can provide. Love Burke Thompson*

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**Burke Thompson** - December 10, 2025 at 09:22 PM

DR

“ *David & Heather Rutherford purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of William Cole Whitman.*



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**David & Heather Rutherford** - December 09, 2025 at 02:44 PM

DH

“ *David and Amber Hooper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cole Whitman.*

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**David and Amber Hooper** - December 08, 2025 at 04:07 PM

DH

“ *David and Amber Hooper purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of William Cole Whitman.*



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**David and Amber Hooper** - December 08, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JS

“ Jack and Sonya Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cole Whitman.

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JS

“ Jack and Sonya Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Cole Whitman.



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“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of William Cole Whitman.



December 05, 2025 at 04:20 PM

JT

“ Will miss you Cole, always good to visit, a hand when needed and laugh to lighten the moment, our family loves you and will miss you, John and Rhonda Tackett and Brandon.

John tackett - December 04, 2025 at 08:49 PM