Philip G. Whitehead

May 26, 1950 - January 6, 2021

Philip Gary Whitehead, 70, of Duncan, SC, went to be with the Lord on January 6, 2020 after a long battle with cancer. Born in Maryville, TN, he was the son of Earvil Whitehead and the late Betty Brown Whitehead.
He is survived by his daughter Emily Whitehead of Charleston, SC; Matthew Whitehead (Sandra) of Greer, SC; and grandchildren Lilly and Thomas. He also leaves behind long-term partner, Connie Francis; brothers Lynn Whitehead (Hamby), Michael Whitehead, and Alan Whitehead (Lori); sisters Karen Rose (Tom) and Janine Updyke (Jay); a host of nieces and nephews; as well as extended family and close friends.
Philip graduated from Alcoa High School in 1968, where he became an Eagle Scout and played football. Following high school, he served in the Air National Guard before graduating from East Tennessee State University with a degree in Accounting. He was a lifelong entrepreneur and loved to travel. Philip greatly enjoyed long walks in nature as well as spending time with his family, especially his beloved grandchildren. His optimism, patience, love of storytelling, and humor will forever be remembered. The family will hold a celebration of life at a later date.

Tribute Wall

CE

Such sad news that Alcoa High School Class of 1968 has lost our classmate Philip Gary Whitehead. Philip was such a good guy that always had a smile, cared for others and was such a joy to be around. We had the honor of knowing him, being with him and until we meet again, RIP Classmate

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I had the privilege of working for Phil and Connie, along with his son Matt 20 years ago. It was a time I treasure and hold dear in my heart. I got to know Phil traveling and presenting our product. He is one of the smartest men I ever knew. I will never forget in San Simien watching the seals on the way to a sales call. He spotted a great white coming , utterly thrilling! Watching his and Connie's strength the last 5 years, was amazing! He fought and she fought for him. Matt was such a joy to work with, Phil loved his son very much. I don't know anyone! Better at solving computer issues than Phil! Again, so brilliant. I wish peace for Phil, his family, my sister and all who knew him. He was part of our family and will be greatly missed.

Meredith Buch - January 10, 2021 at 05:41 PM

Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Philip G. Whitehead.

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I will miss this big guy like crazy. We spent many hours together crossing the country both by air and car. He was a brilliant story teller that could capture the audience of our customers and he always played the straight man to get me spinning my jokes and yarns. Rest in peace my friend. I'll see you on the other side.

Rick Worley - January 10, 2021 at 08:39 AM