



## Fern B. Whisler

September 2, 1926 - July 7, 2015

Fern B. Whisler passed away quietly and went to be with the Lord in her home on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, after a long illness. "Granny" was a very much loved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was born September 2, 1926 in Dexter, NM. Fern grew up in Alamogordo, NM and moved to Roswell, NM for her senior year of high school. After high school Fern saved her money while working at the First Aid Station at White Sands Missile Range. The next year she got on the bus to Dallas, TX, to attend Baylor Nursing School where she received her RN. This was during WWII and the Cadet Nurse Corps had just been instituted. The Cadet Nurse Corps financed all of her nursing education. After nursing school she returned to NM and entered UNM to obtain a BS in Biology. At night she worked in the Student Health Center and went to classes during the day. After graduation she worked at Lovelace Medical Center (Bataan Memorial Hospital) and knew the original Lovelaces, LI and LII. At that time she worked in Orthopedics. It was at Lovelace Medical Center where she met her future husband, Gene W. Whisler, whom she married on May 18, 1956. In 1961 she switched careers and began working in Audiology at Lovelace Medical Center. She actually met and tested the original 7 Mercury astronauts. She retired in 1981. Fern and Gene Whisler loved to fish at the Chama Quality Waters, Lake Powell, and at the Lake of the Ozarks. Her home and her beloved ones' homes are filled with her many beautiful oil paintings. Her favorite scenes to paint were New Mexico landscapes. The last year of her life was difficult but

she was constantly surrounded by her friends and family. “Granny” was an incredibly strong and brave woman; she tackled her challenges head on with poise, dignity, and grace.

Fern was preceded in death by her parents, Nola and David Buckner; four siblings; her husband, Gene Whisler; and her son, Bill Whisler. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Whisler, MD, Sandra’s husband Robert Biefeld, PhD; and five grandchildren, Sean Biefeld and his wife Stephanie, Sharla Biefeld, Shyanne Biefeld, John Whisler, and Gene Whisler; and two great grandchildren, Luke and Logan Biefeld. Her remaining two siblings include Melba Coyne and Steve Buckner.

The family would like to thank Charles North, MD, her primary physician who was always there for her and shared her love of reading. The family and Fern were especially blessed with three wonderful caregivers who were always compassionate and at her side, Ida Lazano, Lorraine Urban Dunn, and Marlin Johnston. The family would also like to thank Heritage Hospice and her nurse, Karen Caulder.

Services will be Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at FRENCH – University.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (University )

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# Tribute Wall

GM

“ My mother, Carol Zulauf, worked with Mrs. Whisler early in her career. Although I did not know Mrs. Whisler as an adult, she always brought magic into the lives of me and my brother at Christmas when we were children. She brought the wonderful tradition of elves into our home, and Christmas simply would not have been Christmas without the storybook packs of life savers that she unfailingly gave us until we left home. I can only imagine how much joy she brought into others' lives when she was so thoughtful over such a long time to the two children of a former colleague. Her spirit will continue to inspire me.

*Grady Mathai-Jackson  
Lafayette, CA*

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**Grady Mathai-Jackson** - August 14, 2015 at 08:18 PM

AZ

“ Dear Sandy, Bob, and family,

*We are so sorry for your loss. She was a very lovely lady, and we enjoyed the Christmas visits with her; you are in our thoughts.*

*Love Azita, Randy and Laura Creighton*

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**Azita** - July 11, 2015 at 09:21 PM

PD

“ Dear Sandra and Bob -enjoyed the many years of having Fern in my classes - she will be missed by her many fellow students who also enjoyed her company. Hope she has found a spot with good lighting. great easel, brushes,paints and boards that she can fill with lovely memories! We will all miss her but will enjoy many fond memories of time shared with her. She was very fortunate to have such a thoughtful and loving family - my thoughts and prayers to you in this hard time.

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**Pat Durgin** - July 11, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Fern B. Whisler.



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July 11, 2015 at 11:35 AM

SS

“ Sandy and Family, I am so sorry about the loss of your mom. I met you and your mom when The Wright's lived next door and I care for them on Hospice. I will keep your family in my Prayer's. Sheri S.

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**Sheri S.** - July 10, 2015 at 06:15 PM

RM

“ Sandy, Bob and family,  
Wil and I are so sorry to hear about your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Ruth Ann Martin** - July 10, 2015 at 03:37 PM

RB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



R. M. Biefeld - July 10, 2015 at 01:17 PM

RB

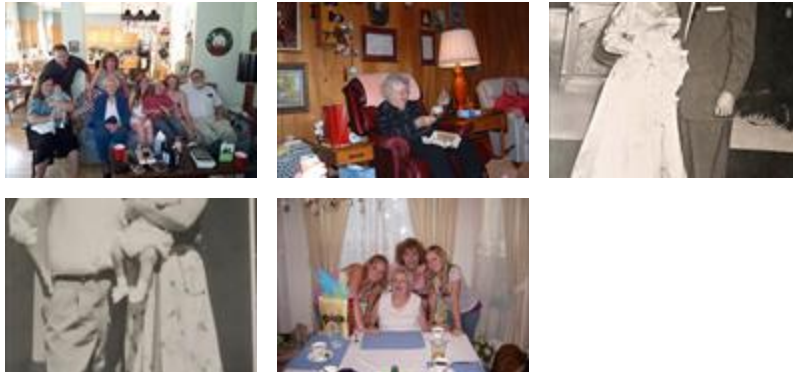
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R. M. Biefeld - July 10, 2015 at 01:14 PM

RB

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Robert Biefeld - July 10, 2015 at 11:46 AM

NG

“ Dr. Whisler I am deeply sorry for the loss of your mother.

Nancy Graeber - July 10, 2015 at 11:46 AM

RB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Robert Biefeld** - July 10, 2015 at 11:37 AM

RB

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**Robert Biefeld** - July 10, 2015 at 11:35 AM

CJ

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

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**Chris Jogi** - July 08, 2015 at 10:35 AM