



## James Nelson Whitney

June 21, 1935 - June 1, 2014

James Nelson Whitney, age 78, a resident of Albuquerque, NM, died June 1, 2014. Son of James E. and LaVonia M. Whitney, he is much loved and missed by daughter, Leslie Wilkie and husband Todd of Edmonds, WA, daughter, Jodie Brannon and husband Nathan of Albuquerque; four grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Jared; his two brothers, Fred and George; and his parents. James was born in Sunrise, WY, attended school there and in Salida, CO, and graduated with an accounting degree from Western State College in Gunnison, CO. He then spent two years in the Army. After an honorable discharge, James worked in Denver, CO for Martin Marietta, for his own insurance inspection business, and then spent 25 years working for Safeway, retiring as an Inventory Control Manager. James moved to Albuquerque in 2003 to spend more time with his grandchildren. Services for James will be held on Friday, June 6, 2014, 10:00 a.m., at Hoffmantown Church, 8888 Harper Drive, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111. Friends and family may visit FRENCH - Wyoming on Thursday, June 5, 2014 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Joy Junction, P.O. Box 27693, Albuquerque, NM 87125 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

FRENCH – Wyoming

7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE  
(505) 823-9400

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.  
NM 87504

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)  
7121 Wyoming Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
(505) 823-9400  
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

## Services

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

Hoffmantown Church  
8888 Harper Dr. NE  
Albuquerque, NM

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF JIM'S DEATH. WE WERE IN SALIDA HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER AND ENJOYED HIS COMPANY WHEN WE HAD OUR CLASS REUNIIONS. I (MARY ALICE DELUCA BOARDMAN) TALKED TO HIM ABOUT A YEAR AGO HOPING THAT HE COULD COME TO OUR 60TH REUNION AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS TOO ILL. I WANT YOU THE FAMILY THAT WE ALL ENJOYED KNOWING JIM. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AT THIS SAD TIME IN YOUR LIFE. MARY ALICE, JOHN BAYUK AND SUE BAYUK ( CLASSMATES)

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**MARY ALICE BOARDMAN** - June 26, 2014 at 07:24 PM

SM

“ *Jim was always a great cousin as well as a great friend to me. He was 8 years older than me but he always treated me like a person instead of a little cousin that he had to tolerate. Like Steve he took me fishing but the fish I hooked was my own finger after I had been told not play with the hook. He removed the hook all the while explaining everything he had to do to get it out (like cut the hook off so the barb was gone and he could pull it on thru). Really amazing for a teenager to be so patient and comforting to a silly little girl that was already told to leave the hook alone. Never once did he say to me I told you so. I really missed him when he went off to college. He was an amazing person to have in my life and I will miss him until I see him again.*

*Thank you, Jim's kids and grandkids, for sharing him with all of us.*

*Susan Gray Mathews  
Castle Rock, Colorado*

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**Susan Gray Mathews** - June 21, 2014 at 07:05 PM

SW

“ Barbara and I send our deepest and most sincere sympathy to Jim's family for their loss. He's such a fond memory for us, and for me, he was the jovial, funny older cousin who took me, a little snot nosed kid from Washington DC, trout fishing near Salida - and I caught my first fish! What a day. Most likely Jim actually hooked it but he made sure it seemed like it was me - I remember his laughter and calm encouragement after more than 60 years as if it were yesterday. Later, when I was at school in Boulder, Jim and Barbara had the annual Thanksgiving dinner at their house in Denver. The stark brown and gray fields near where they lived - so different from the green East that time of year - made the festivities seem all the more cozy and warm, the best way for families to be together. Jim's gentle laugh and joy in simple pleasures remain vividly in my memory - a special blessing. I'm sure he left many people who had the good fortune to know him. Rest in peace dear cousin. We'll miss you deeply.

*Steve and Barbara Whitney  
Takoma Park Maryland*

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**Steve Whitney** - June 16, 2014 at 09:56 PM

CC

“ Jim was not only a Gentleman but a gentle man. Lived his faith. Has left a legacy in his children and grandchildren. Will be deeply missed.

*Charles and Judy Clark*

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**Charles Clark** - June 05, 2014 at 09:18 AM

KC

“Grandpa”- that's how we knew you, enjoy the peace & calm of your new home with our Heavenly Father. We hope you can still catch the Bronco games. Your presence will be missed but your importance will endure in the lives of those you touched.

*The Cupp family*

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**k cupp** - June 05, 2014 at 06:53 AM

GW

“ We extend our deep sympathy to you both, Leslie and Jody. We have great respect for the commitment and care you both have demonstrated for your father. You both gave great heart and soul to him and were surely a great comfort to him in the final weeks and days.

*We have very fond memories of watching him dance with you at your wedding, Leslie. We're sure that was one of the high points in life for him. Such incredible ballroom dancing!*

*Although we cannot be at the service, please know that our hearts are with you.*

*Love,  
Rhys and Gail*

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**Gail Wilkie** - June 04, 2014 at 07:36 PM

TJ

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

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**Tom Jordan** - June 04, 2014 at 11:35 AM