



Timothy H. Whalen

May 30, 1948 - August 28, 2014

Tim Whalen, 66, passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2014. He is survived by his two sons, Kevin and Ryan Whalen. Mr. Whalen, as he was known to most, impacted the lives of thousands as Principal of Manzano High School, Principal of Jefferson Middle School, and Assistant Principal of Sandia High School over his 36-year career in Albuquerque Public Schools. Never one to rest on his laurels, he was enthusiastically beginning his seventh year as Principal of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School. Tim Whalen received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Louisiana State University and a postgraduate degree from the University of New Mexico. The Rosary will be recited Monday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (4020 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM). Funeral services will take place on Tuesday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima. Interment will follow at Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery 11:30 a.m. All are warmly welcomed to join us in celebrating the vibrant life of a loved teacher, leader, and father. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Scholarship Fund. Please visit our online guestbook for Tim at www.FrenchFunerals.com

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Cemetery Details

Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 1. 6:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
4020 Lomas Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
4020 Lomas Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Tribute Wall

RL

“ *Mr Whalen was a strong presence and a very proud man. He enjoyed telling me about his summer road trip from New Mexico to Louisiana up to Chicago. He seemed to have had a great time this past summer. He was the sole reason my children attend OLF and it is in his memory that they will stay. Mr. Whalen was most proud of his boys and always spoke of them with a smile, a slight chuckle and a twinkle in his eye. Our condolences to you all. -- the Lynn family*

R Lynn - September 07, 2014 at 12:48 PM

NK

“ *Dear Whalen Family: It is with a sad heart that we heard of the death of your brother/father. We saw Tim recently here in the mountains of northern New Mexico--a place he loved. We have fond memories of he and Suzanne and Midge and Dick. Try to remember the good times, boys. Tim was so very proud of his two successful sons and we were proud of Tim's professional accomplishments. El Porvenir has lost another member of a great family. We miss you all. Brad and Nancy Kanode*

nancy kanode - September 06, 2014 at 11:34 PM

KF

“ Dear Whalen Family- Nine years ago my sister was diagnosed with cancer. I was told to fly back home immediately in order to see her one last time. I did not have enough sick leave and could not afford to be docked. Your father told me to go and not worry about a thing. FAMILY SHOULD ALWAYS COME FIRST! To my amazement things were fine and when my sister passed 2 months later, once again your Dad helped my family out and I was not docked. At the Rosary both of you mentioned your dad's devotion to family and I wanted to thank you for sharing your Dad and his message that Family, indeed should come first. Comfort each other often, and remember all the love he shared and the lessons he taught you.

Kathy Fehlberg - September 04, 2014 at 12:47 PM



“ Dear Whalen Family - It saddens our heart to hear about Mr. Whalen's untimely passing. He was the principal at Manzano High School for both of our youngest children from the years of 2004-2012 and was an amazing leader. He was always so motivational and had so much passion for what he did. And the ties - oh the ties he wore. Thank you so much for sharing such an amazing person with the rest of us and we feel blessed to have had him in our children's educational lives. He will be missed. May you have peace in knowing that he was such a kind and generous man. The Livingston Family



Bequi Livingston - September 04, 2014 at 12:15 AM

WC

“ Dear Whalen Family,
I had Tim Whalen as a teacher and mentor at Grant Junior High school in the early 1970's. It is with a heavy heart that I read of your passing. You got me my first good paying job as your apprentice on that rich building contractors HO model railroad set. I lost us that job when I returned fire with a snow ball that the man's son through at us inside the house on that winters night working on the Ho railroad. You did not get mad at me...awesome...I was mad at myself for loosing both of us our dream jobs. You picked me up at my folks house in your Porsche 914 to go to work and we had a great time, you were a very kind and funny man. The Lord have mercy on your sons and family, God bless your legacy. Hope to see you in heaven at the last day.
Sincerely, Wes Chilton

Wes Chilton - September 03, 2014 at 05:02 PM

GL

“ Our world is less exuberant wih Tim's passing. His heart and spirit made each school he worked for a very special place. He always cared so much and brought out a pride from students and staff that was wonderful to see and experience. I'm proud to say he interviewed and hired me for my first APS teaching job when he was an assistant principal at Sandia and then was my principal when I retired at Manzano. His support of the spirit program there was very much appreciated. It is so hard to believe that he is not still here influencing young people. Maith thu (well done)! My condolences to his family - you are all a tribute to the Whalen legacy.

Gale Lovato - September 02, 2014 at 11:19 PM

AK

“ We had the honor of knowing Tim through my sister AT. We all enjoyed Tim's company and his quick wit. During Easter brunch he gave my husband Gary some encouragement to make a change to a new school and new grade as a teacher .
Gary does not like change but with good conversation and passion Tim shared and told Gary "why not" what do you have to lose. Tim was a fine man and he will be missed. Keeping the family lifted up in prayer. God bless the Kuidis family. Gary, Annalee and Kyle

Annalee Kuidis - September 02, 2014 at 04:54 PM

AK

“ Annalee Kuidis lit a candle in memory of
Timothy H. Whalen



Annalee Kuidis - September 02, 2014 at 04:44 PM

LD

“ I didn't know Tim as an administrator or teacher but rather a big part of our family. He was my father's best friend and often times his inspiration. He always impressed me as being so full of positive energy and of course...always quick with a joke. One of my favorite memories of Tim was when he and my father came by my house one summer morning as I was pulling weeds. Tim jumped right in to help me out! He was not wearing clothing appropriate for yard work but never the less got down on the ground to pull some weeds and see how things were going in my life...I didn't have the heart to tell him that he was pulling up my prize dahlias instead of weeds! Ha! He was never too busy to help others and let them know that he cared about them. He was a sincere and genuine man that I am truly honored to have gotten to know. More over, he was the proudest father I have ever met. He was always eager to share in both of his boy's amazing accomplishments. Ryan and Kevin you are both on my mind and in my prayers.

Laura Douglas - September 02, 2014 at 03:11 PM

SA

“ Sara lit a candle in memory of Timothy H. Whalen



Sara - September 02, 2014 at 11:45 AM

SJ

“ Mr. Whalen was the new principle at Our Lady of Fatima when my grand daughter returned to Fatima in 4 th Grade. She was welcomed, valued and felt secure at school for the first time in a few years. He was a special man who showed his passion for children, education and harmony between the child, parent and staff. He was a great example showing that faith, integrity, consistency, caring and humor gets you through the day. My grandson followed for preschool and Kindergarten and loved Mr. Whalen. He supported the efforts of the board and their desire to help with the needs of the school. Slowly methodically he rebuilt Fatima truly a gift from God in these last years of his life. He was so proud of his sons although I had never had the privilege of meeting you my heart goes out to you. In may I stopped by with my grand daughter who is now in high school, she wanted to see Mr. Whalen and some of the staff. I feel blessed to of had the opportunity to just sit and have a chat with Mr. Whalen. I am in Scotland far away and yet know at this moment his funeral mass has just begun. Mr. Whalen you were a special gift from God to so many, your words, your caring, energy and passion for life and education will stay in our hearts forever. Kevin and Ryan thank you for sharing your Dad with us all, may you find comfort through all our prayers for you. God Bless

Susan Jennings and Family

Susan. jennings - September 02, 2014 at 11:42 AM

DE

“ Deanie lit a candle in memory of Timothy H. Whalen



Deanie - September 02, 2014 at 08:45 AM

DE

“ *Denise lit a candle in memory of Timothy H. Whalen*



denise - September 02, 2014 at 08:07 AM

TF

“ *The Geerts Family lit a candle in memory of Timothy H. Whalen*



The Geerts family - September 01, 2014 at 08:09 PM

BR

“ *I worked with Tim at Jefferson Middle School. Tim was a great principal and person. He was a Jefferson Jet through and through. The students loved and respected him, even though his sense of humor was the corniest!*

Everyone's family was important to Tim. My step-daughter was gravely ill at that time. Tim welcomed her at school and released me from my classroom when she needed me at home. Tim left this world a better place.

Bevelry Riley - September 01, 2014 at 05:37 PM



“ *My daughter attended Manzano High School when Mr. Whalen was the principal, I remember his open house speeches where he talked about academics being JOB ONE!*

I also remember him saying that everyone can find a friend at Manzano. The year my daughter graduated from Manzano, Ryan was graduating as well and it was obvious how proud he was of his son at the Awards Ceremony that May day in 2001. I will admit, I was saddened when he retired the year my son was starting at Manzano. We may not fully know someone that we come in contact with during our life but we do recognize those who have made difference in many young people's lives. Thank you for your service to the students of Albuquerque.

My condolences to your family during their time of loss.

Diana Chambers

Diana Chambers - September 01, 2014 at 05:35 PM

AS

“ *Mr. Whalen was my favorite principal. He had a great sense of humor. My senior year we put caution tape all over his car and hid to see his reaction. He was so stunned. He looked around for the people who did it and just laughed when he saw us.*



Allison Stapleton - September 01, 2014 at 04:04 PM

PI

“ *Pilar lit a candle in memory of Timothy H. Whalen*



Pilar - September 01, 2014 at 03:54 PM

NK

Hello Pilar: My deepest sympathy at this time. nancy (el porvenir)

nancy kanode - September 06, 2014 at 11:40 PM

MA

“ *I am sad to hear about the passing of Mr. Whalen. In 1974, Mr. Whalen was a young, new English teacher at Grant Junior High School. I was lucky enough to be one of his students. He made each one of us feel smart and important. He brought a real love for teaching and a real connection to young people to his classroom. He loved to tell us stories about his college days at LSU and we loved hearing about them. Thank you Mr. Whalen for all you did for me and many other kids in Albuquerque. Marianne Chavez-Anaya*

Marianne Anaya - September 01, 2014 at 01:17 PM

KM

“ *My prayers are with you both! May God comfort you and hold you in his hands, your father was a wonderful person, the best administrator I have ever worked for! I'll always remember his rule "No hats in the building" I loved that rule! He will be truly missed!....From: Karen Montoya*

Karen Montoya - September 01, 2014 at 07:26 AM

AC

“ Tim's passing doesn't seem real or even possible. His passion for life, his famous PMA, and his love and pride in his sons, Kevin and Ryan were his trademarks. Tim was my mentor and I will be forever grateful for his guidance and leadership during our 12 years together on the Manzano High School Administrative Team. The day Tim pounded his fists on the conference table towards a large group of APS facility representatives and with tears in his eyes he laid out to them what needed to be done to rebuild Manzano and give it a heartbeat, that day he taught me what passion and pride were all about. The Clock and Bell Tower that overlooks the Main Plaza completed his dream of giving the students a beautiful campus and a place to gather and celebrate.....a heartbeat. The "water tank" on the K-building was his way of making MHS look like the "one school town." The 460 pound brass lion that sits in the Student Center got him so excited when he first saw pictures of it because he thought he was sending me to check out just a lion head and not a full bodied brass lion. We talked often about placing the lion on a pride rock in a new main gym lobby where gold plates of State Championships Teams would be placed. Maybe MHS can include that in their scheduled PE facilities remodel. The bell that rings at MHS football games was restored under his direction. He was so proud of the "Purple" and often said, "Purple is more than a color, it's an attitude."

Kevin and Ryan. I am so sorry for your loss. I can tell you that in all the years I worked with your dad, and all the administrative meetings, including his famous 3:00pm Friday Admin. meetings, he would ALWAYS talk about the two of you. He was always so proud of you guys. We heard about everything. He was dedicated to you and expressed his pride and love many times to his team. There were many times he spent more time talking about the two of you then addressing the agenda. The lessons your dad taught us will have life long effects. Your dad always would fight for his team and school, and always had their backs. He was a Loyal, Passionate and Proud Man!

Thank you Tim Whalen for being in my life.

As Tim would say, "Pivot and Proceed."

Tony Carrillo

Anthony "Tony" Carrillo - September 01, 2014 at 02:15 AM

LM

Tony, what a beautiful tribute to Tim! No one could have said it better. He will be truly missed by so many.

Lisa Marshall - September 02, 2014 at 01:17 PM

LI

“ *To the family of Mr. Whalen, God's word promises us that death will be done away with forever. (Isaiah 25:8).*

Linda - August 31, 2014 at 11:16 PM

EL

“ *Tim Whalen was a great human being. He touched so many lives and was a great example to his students. It's with heavy heart that I write this and I would like to express my condolences to his family, and also to all of his current and past students, who, like me, have a special place and Royal Pride in our hearts for him. He taught us that being a Monarch was more than a Mascot, it was a duty to be responsible and respectful to ourselves and others; to be kind and proud of who we were as individuals and to always take the high road. We will miss your smile, Mr. Whalen... and we will always bleed Purple.*

Emily Luna - August 31, 2014 at 10:42 PM

MM

“ I was privileged to work with Tim as a member of his Cluster Service Team when he was the Cluster Leader Principal of Manzano Cluster - eight elementary schools, three middle schools and, of course, Manzano High School. Under his watch Manzano Cluster was a tightly knit group of schools working together to make sure all students learned. I look back so fondly on those days, the meaningful work, the bonds and the friendship that was shared.

Tim was a strong leader who did not shrink from tough situations. He was also a generous mentor who took great pride when someone from Manzano Cluster moved onward and upward. He had a ready sense of humor and he always had your back.

So many wonderful memories of Tim. He will be missed, but he will also live on in so many hearts! Vaya con Diós, Tim! I'm so glad to have known you.

Margie Maes

Margie Maes - August 31, 2014 at 08:29 PM

DV

“ Such a note is difficult to write, my heart is heavy and my eyes have weeped, grieving the loss of a friend I held close to my heart. I have thought about many memories we shared. Tim’s fascination for trains and his boyhood story of wanting a train in department store window as if it were a scene from an old black and white movie. His corny sense of humor enjoyed in nightly Cheers and Archie Bunker reruns (complete with his bowl of ice cream). He was a brilliant man but I wasn’t convinced when we launched the boat in pitch black of night. Tiim’s passion for excellence changed people, schools, and systems. A simple man with dreams.

Tim’s past made the man he was to be, with roots in Moline and PDR and his childhood story set during a time when families struggled and teenagers watched friends go off to Vietnam. Yet Tim was destined to accomplish more than one would ever have imagined. Tim proclaimed PMA (Positive Mental Attitude) because it was necessary for his own destiny and all who knew him, benefitted from that wisdom he so outrageously preached. His legacy was built on simple values.

And now the heavens are hued with purpleness and certainly as he joined the angels he professed the words... as he always did.... “It JUST doesn’t get any better than this!” Kevin, Ryan and Susan, he loved you more than life itself. I tell myself, and hear his words, we must “pivot and proceed” but it is with an emptiness in my heart.....Sending you my love and praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Much love, Deb Vehar

Deb Vehar - August 31, 2014 at 06:31 PM

EM

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Creator will soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! May this promise as recorded in Revelation 21 : 3,4 help you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead. Philippians 4 : 13. jw.org

Emanuel - August 31, 2014 at 05:22 PM

PW

“ We are deeply saddened at your passing Mr. Whalen. You made Manzano a reputable and respectable school. You have been an amazing principal at Our Lady of Fatima School and taught my sons about what a true leader should be and how he should act. Thank you for your dedication to our youth and for your life lessons. You will be missed. May the choir of angels greet you and present you to our God, Most High. You are truly a blessing to us all and you will never be forgotten.



*In Christ,
Betty Kam,
Keola Wong
Pono Wong*

Pono Wong - August 31, 2014 at 04:46 PM

TM

“ I was terrified to go back to Manzano High School after spending almost 3 years at Sandia, because the kids had been so cruel to me in prior years from Jackson, however getting thrown into Manzano ended up being the best year and half in my school life, why ? Because of a miracle name Tim Whalen! He ran the school with no tolerance of disrespect to others, he taught compassion and caring for others through showing that himself, he would walk the halls, talk to the students, and be the first to join in on any crazy shindig going on at the school. He never had a closed door when it came to needing someone to talk to. He was a blessing to me and so many more. He will greatly be missed, May his family, friends, and students enjoy celebrating his life together. I wish was in ABQ to attend, however my thoughts are there.

Trudy (Chace) Medrano - August 31, 2014 at 04:25 PM

JH

“ Principal Whalan was a huge influence on my son's and daughter during their high school years at Manzano High School. Not only did he demand respect he was given respect wholeheartedly and without complaint. His school spirit was infectious and admired by all the sports teams as well as the fans. He was in full support of every activity Manzano had going on. That is an admired quality. God bless the family, he will be remembered and greatly missed.

Julia Holloman - August 31, 2014 at 03:08 PM

MS

“ When I worked for Mr. Whalen I knew he would be one of my most respected bosses. He was a great man, fair, loved by many and one that you looked up to more than most. When my girls needed help, he was there, both my girls graduated 2008, one Special Ed, one regular ed. He supported both of them when they really needed it. I mean my youngest might of been crying and he pull her in and cheer her up, give her a pep talk and send her on. When she achieved her awards he was there cheering her on. When my oldest would call out to him, he would stop and visit with her and sent her on her way, even after they (Mr. Whalen and my oldest I say "graduated" from Manzano he actually retired) she would see him in a store and say Mr Whalen? My Principle?, and he would call out "Yes, that would be me!!" I will always remember when the girls walked the graduation line and my oldest gave Mr. Whalen a kiss on a cheek, he was so surprised, but she could get away with it..and he talked about to me after. "Did you see what she did! ".. yes sir I was the parent going Oh My goodness. Mr. Whalen, thank you for the chats, the stories, the laughs, and everything else you did for me and my girls. You came into our lives at a time the girls really needed a male figure in their lives that showed them that they were important and you cared. You will be missed. To Kevin and Ryan, know that your father was a blessing.



Melody Stapleton - August 31, 2014 at 02:16 PM

BM

“ My deepest condolences and prayers for his family during their loss. May they find comfort in our lord during their time of sorrow. He strived to help so many of his students succeed. Former MHS student class of '85.

Beverly Moya - August 31, 2014 at 12:44 PM

SD

“ *My dear friend, I will miss you! Keep laughing and I'll be listening*

Sheryl Durick - August 31, 2014 at 12:44 PM

DO

“ *Tim Whalen was a wonderful and caring person, a dedicated and hard working educator who gave so much to young people in our community, and a genuine character. He understood that in order for students to find their passion in life, they needed a group of talented and respected mentors to help guide them. I was blessed to have known him for over twenty five years and I know that my life as a person and as an educator would have been much poorer without him. I am deeply saddened by his passing but am certain that he is speaking with the big principal about how things need to be improved down here. David Ostrovitz*

David Ostrovitz - August 31, 2014 at 11:35 AM

KR

“ *With heavy hearts my family is greatly saddened with news of Mr. Whalens passing. Mr. Whalen was a great person but a better principal. He was my son's principal at Our Lady of Fatima. Our school is a tight knit school and he knew all the students names. Mr. Whalen was part of the OLF family and will greatly be missed our school will not be the same without him.*

Kathleen & Christopher Arguelles-Romero

Kathleen Romero-Arguelles - August 31, 2014 at 11:29 AM

CB

“ Our granddaughter, Laura Leigh, was sent for by Mr. Whalen shortly before graduation . She was profoundly relieved when he told her he just wanted to say that she was the only Bennett who had not given him a lick of trouble and he congratulated her!

Carolyn Bennett - August 31, 2014 at 11:24 AM

TM

“ Our family is saddened by the news of Tim 's death. Tim was so vibrant and outgoing. He coached our son Fred's soccer team and was the principal at MHS when he was in high school. We offer condolences to his family.

Art and Therese Martinez

therese Martinez - August 31, 2014 at 10:45 AM

CU

“ With a broken heart, I celebrate Tim Whalen, who was the best of the best. He had a beautiful vision for Manzano High School and had the dedication and zeal to implement that vision. He celebrated excellence in every achievement by the student body and by the staff. It was a great privilege and honor to have served alongside him, and he will live on in my heart. Rest in peace, Friend.

Chuck Usmar

Chuck Usmar - August 31, 2014 at 07:57 AM

JM

“ With heavy hearts we say good-bye to a wonderful man, educator and role model. Thank you for all the lives you touched and taught.

Judy Mayo

Judy Mayo - August 30, 2014 at 08:14 PM

JM

“ Tim was a great guy who was willing to share his knowledge and experiences as a school Administrator. He had an opinion about everything and always spoke his peace. But he was a really easy guy to talk with. Tim always brought a lot of humor and good natured fun to our annual Principal's retreats. Tim, you will be sorely missed.

*Jennifer Mason
Former Principal
San Felipe de Neri Catholic School*

jennifer mason - August 30, 2014 at 06:57 PM

SH

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

Shelia Hocker - August 30, 2014 at 04:49 PM