



## Karl Golden Whittier

May 5, 1933 - January 21, 2019

Karl Golden Whittier beloved father and husband greeted the world on May 5, 1933, in Peterson, Utah, and gently found peace on January 21, 2019, in Pocatello, Idaho.

Karl was the youngest of nine children and the child of Raymond Madsen Whittier and Opal Hulet. His brothers and sisters preceded him in death. He was raised in Rockland, Idaho. He left Rockland to attend Brigham Young University, but after a semester of school Karl was drafted into the army to serve during the Korean conflict. Karl began working for Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance in 1957 as a Claims Examiner working up to the job of Vice President of Claims in 1974. He retired November 1992.

Throughout his life he had many hobbies and interests among them hunting, fishing, golfing, camping and traveling: Some of his favorite travels were to Bali, Israel, and summer visits to the coast - all with friends and family. He was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Karl met and fell in love with Shirley Ann Berreth through friends in Rockland, Idaho. They married when Karl was drafted into the army and have remained in love and fiercely loyal to each other ever since. Together they welcomed five children; Command Sergeant Major (Ret) Charles Whittier (Karen), Vanessa Wyler (Gary), Dr. Timothy Whittier (Diann), Dr. Melissa Herzog (Steve), and Sean Whittier (Pei-I).

A public viewing will be held at Wilks Funeral Home on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 11:00am – 12:00pm.

Karl was a big, strong teddy bear of a man with a huge heart that was much respected in both his professional and personal life. He will be deeply missed.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family under the "Tribute Wall" tab above.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Mountain View Cemetery

1520 So. 5th Avenue

Pocatello, ID, 83201

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**Viewing**

11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Wilks Funeral Home

211 W. Chubbuck Road, Chubbuck, ID, US, 83202

# Comments

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“ Lynda Jolley Reinacher lit a candle in memory of Karl Golden Whittier



Lynda Jolley Reinacher - January 28 at 04:48 PM

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“ Dear Chuck, Karen and Family ~ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. I'll always remember what a kind and caring person he was when we worked at Farm Bureau many years ago. Everyone looked up to him. May your memories help you and the Lord's comforting spirit be with you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sincerely,  
Cary and Jorja Baird

Jorja Baird - January 26 at 11:45 AM

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“ My Grampa taught me what love means. He was always so worried that I was okay, and anything that ever came up in life he had the utmost respect, love and care. No matter what it was, he was always there for me and teaching me to remember who I am and how precious my heart is. I was lucky enough to spend a summer at their house where I was showered in love every day. There is this energy about him that reverberates into your soul when he's around. I am so grateful for the gifts you have given me in life that have made me a better person. Thank you so much for the love I will take with me my entire life and honor you in everything I do. Thank you for showing me love, Grampa! I love you so dearly.

Sundae Marshall - January 26 at 08:19 AM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Karl Golden Whittier.



January 25 at 04:14 PM

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“ What a wonderful man he is! Like was mentioned numerous times, his hugs and love ALWAYS made your day better! He was ready with a compliment as soon as he saw you and showed his love in deed and action. I will always remember and be grateful for his love, kindness and hospitality when my Dad was in the hospital just before he passed away. I will miss him tons and am so fortunate to call him my dear Uncle! Love to all of his family!

**Irene Whittier** - January 25 at 01:04 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karl Golden Whittier.



January 25 at 12:53 PM

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“ Chuck and Karen,  
So very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that others are thinking of you and praying for your peace at this very difficult time. May you have happiness and laughter in the fond memories you have of your father. May your children and grandchildren also find peace and happiness in the good memories they have of their Grandpa.

Sincere Condolences,  
Teresa and Charles Moore

**Teresa Moore** - January 25 at 11:29 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies Jen Family and Meera Singh purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Karl Golden Whittier.



Our deepest sympathies Jen Family and Meera Singh - January 24 at 10:23 AM

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“ Grandpa was a great man, a great example, and a great grandpa. I don't think that man had a mean bone in his body. He never spoke ill of anyone and everyone was always welcome to visit. His laugh was husky and contagious, his smile warm and gentle and his hugs loving and meaningful. Gramps definitely made this world a better place and he will be in my heart and memories always.

Brianne Whittier - January 24 at 07:26 AM

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“ Grandpa was the perfect grandpa. He was always ready with a joke or a compliment in his arsenal and he was always willing to help someone. One of my favorite memories of him was when I was helping him clean out the garage and I found his old shovel. He proceeded to tell me several stories and show me other items. I will miss grandpa for the rest of my life.

Khai Whittier - January 23 at 11:00 PM

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“ Grandpa was the perfect Grandpa. He always had a joke ready and was ready to do what he could for someone else. One of my favorite memories of grandpa was when I was helping him clean out the garage and I found his old shovel from the Korean war. He proceeded to tell me many stories and show me many more items. I will undoubtedly miss him for the rest of my life.

Khai Whittier - January 23 at 10:56 PM

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“ I will always remember Karl as a mentor, good friend and an understanding boss. He and Bill Thompson invited me to join the Farm Bureau Family in 1972. I work under his supervision and friendship for many years. He and Shirley treated me like family when I originally started with Farm Bureau. His patience and wisdom continued with me until I retired with 38 years of service. Good bye old friend, you will always hold a place in my heart.  
Don Campbell

Don Campbell - January 23 at 08:22 PM

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“ I considered Karl not just a co-worker but a good friend. He offered me so many tips on how to navigate the ins and outs of my new job as a claims adjuster for the "Bureau". One of my favorite memories, and I have many, is the night Karl and I decided to try a Shakey's Pizza. The pizza arrived, Karl asked if I knew what the little shaker with red and green bits of stuff was for, I didn't and neither did he. Not being smart enough to use it on a small slice, he loaded the entire pizza with it. We both ordered something else for our meal. Karl was always an anchor of sanity in times of an angry sea.

Dave Lehman retired FBM

David Lehman - January 23 at 07:05 PM

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“ Grandpa Karl was the ideal grandpa - he had an amazing laugh that would shake his whole body. He always greeted me with a huge, warm smile, always had a large lap for me to climb into, and he gave the best hugs ever. He was always there - supporting those around him. I will always treasure the memories of Christmas at his home with all the family and the camping trip to Yellowstone. He inspired my love of travel and will miss him reminiscing about all of his travels. He will be sorely missed.

Rainey Friedemann - January 23 at 02:52 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Rainey Friedemann - January 23 at 01:46 PM

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“ One of the highlights of my childhood was a camping trip with grandpa to Yellow-Jacket Lake. We camped, fished, hiked, canoed and caught frogs. It was a wonderful experience and I didn't want it to end. Neither did my brother, or uncle. I remember Grandpa counseling us to always be ready to leave while it's still fun, because you wont remember the good times as well if you wait until you're too tired and worn out to enjoy the experience. He asked us to trust him that it was the right time to go. He was right.

As my grandpa, my relationship with him was one of the highlights of my life. He was a great big, constant source of love, who smiled, laughed, hugged, and showed delight in me through words of authentic praise and loving actions that enriched my

life. He left before I was ready for him to go, but I'll try to trust that it was the right time.

I am full of respect for the way he lived and the example he set. I appreciated the way I saw him treat his wife and family. I admire his discipline and the way he handled responsibility. I valued the enthusiasm he brought to our family gatherings and the discerning, thoughtful and reflective counsel he gave. His life, marriage, family, career and death were full of meaning and purpose.

The pain and joy I'm feeling at his passing are both clear evidence to me of the deep love I felt for and from him.

**Brian Marshall** - January 22 at 02:09 PM



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**Sundae** - January 26 at 08:21 AM



“ Grandpa Whitter was so kind and loving. He always welcomed us into his home with a big hug and smile. I am so thankful that I am able to be a part of his family, and will miss grandpa very much. Until we meet again

**Maria Marshall** - January 22 at 12:40 PM