



Henry Dale Whatley

May 10, 1957 - June 3, 2026

Funeral services for Henry Dale Whatley, age 69 of Lindale, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with Bro. James Cowart officiating. Interment will follow at Lindale City Cemetery.

Henry passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, in Houston. He was born on May 10, 1957, in Tyler to the late Henry Olan and Bobbie Dean (Yancey) Whatley. Henry has lived in Houston for the past 5 years and was previously a lifelong resident of Lindale where he worked as a paramedic and later retired after 30 years with the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, and as a 911 Dispatcher. Henry enjoyed studying history and government, playing games, fishing, watching college and Lindale Eagles football, and playing Santa in parades and at parties. He was an animal lover, enjoyed talking for hours on the phone with his friends, and was known by all to have a true servant's heart. He was preceded in death by his sister, Christi Kay Gross.

Henry is survived by his sister, Rhonda Whatley of Houston; nephew, Philip Gross of Houston; aunt, Linda Weems of Lindale; and numerous other loving family members and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Dennis Bodiford, Aaron Munn, Steve Sitton, Josh Bennett, Johnny Brown, Cory Crowell, Joe Rodriguez Jr, and Tim Thompson.

Family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Cemetery Details

Lindale City Cemetery

702 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
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Chapel Service

JUN 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Henry Dale Whatley



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - June 09 at 02:47 PM



“ Sincere condolences in the loss of Henry. He was a good soul and will be greatly missed.
Janell G



Janell Gallegly - June 09 at 03:52 PM



“ 34 files added to the album LifeTributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - June 08 at 12:01 PM

SR

“ Henry worked with my husband, RC Rife, at the ambulance service. He really enjoyed working with him and shared many stories over the years. I also knew Henry. He once asked me to cook a birthday cake for Christi & have orange icing with pink swirl. He said those were her favorite colors. So caring for his family. ---prayers for his family and friends--Sallye Rife

Sallye Rife - June 06 at 07:19 PM

BW

“ you will be missed Facebook friend

Betty Wells - June 06 at 10:26 AM

KD

“ Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Henry Whatley



Karen Damon - June 05 at 06:01 PM

RE

“ Ruby Echols lit a candle in memory of Henry Whatley



Ruby Echols - June 05 at 01:45 PM

TO

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of an old friend!
Rest in Peace Henry Dale!



Tona - June 04 at 03:47 PM

GJ

“ Gail Johnson lit a candle in memory of Henry
Whatley



Gail Johnson - June 04 at 03:00 PM

KB

“ Henry was my partner at ems many times . He was always there to
"protect me" when things got rough ! Many great memories

Kathy Birt - June 04 at 02:43 PM

KD

“ Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Henry
Whatley



Karen Damon - June 03 at 09:45 PM

MT

“ *Mary Thompson lit a candle in memory of Henry Whatley*



Mary Thompson - June 03 at 09:44 PM

LW

“ *Linda Willis lit a candle in memory of Henry Whatley*



Linda Willis - June 03 at 09:09 PM

PC

“ *In first grade we all got to walk to Henry's house for an Easter egg hunt. Henry was always nice to everyone and will be missed.*

Patrice Coulter - June 03 at 07:17 PM

MT

“ *Such a sweet friend. I remember my girls loving to see him play Santa for the fire dept. I will surely miss that big smile. Fly high Henry Dale. Prayers to his family.*

Mary Thompson - June 03 at 07:08 PM