



## Robert Wayne Whitford

September 3, 1968 - June 28, 2019

Robert Wayne Whitford (Bob) of Moreno Valley, California, passed away on Friday, June 28, 2019.

Bob was born in Bellflower, California and raised by loving parents, Elmer (Bill) and Margaret (Peggy) Whitford in Riverside, California. Bob attended schools in Riverside from Elementary school through John W. North High School when he graduated in 1987. He was a drummer in the Blue Star Regiment. After graduation, Bob taught drum instruction at several schools and most recently John W North High School and Henry J Kaiser High School. Bob worked at War Zone paint ball field in Lake Elsinore for several years while starting his construction career simultaneously. Bob always dreamed of teaching music, and was able to do it again when his daughter Sara started attending school at his Alma mater.

He is survived by his wife, Debra, his daughter, Sara, his sisters, Cindy Huggins, Cathy Lynn, and Debbie Sims.

Services will be held at John W North High School, 1550 3rd Street, Riverside, CA, July 20, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Blue Star Regiment or to the Catamount Pride Band and Color Guard.

Also, Bob was a very casual and down to earth man. For the celebration of life, we ask that anyone who attends wear something comfortable and please avoid black.

# Events

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**JUL** **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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John W. North High School  
1550 3rd Street, Riverside, CA, US

# Comments

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“ Met Bob in school and marched together with the Blue Star Regiment at JW North HS. Bob was always positive and loved being part of the family we call BSR! I remember when he and Fred would drive thru the back parking lot of our HS, music playing and half hanging out of his old ford classic pick up! Best memories are when a group of us would go back to his house for Bob to get something from his house and his mom would insist for us to come inside. She didn't want us sitting outside waiting.... and memories of getting hyped up before a field show... so serious, so proud, so much fun we all had. Bob, you are an amazing friend and made sure to keep up friendships throughout the years!! I thank you for checking in on me when I had pneumonia and how important it was to take my meds and check in with my doc after the experiences you had when u were sick with pneumonia. I was also super excited that you shared your experiences with finding your family and how your Sara pushed you into doing it.... and lastly, I was so excited that we were in planning stages of our 2nd Drumline reunion and that you notified Perry we would begin planning. My friend, you were taken too soon, you'll always be in our hearts but never forgotten!! Until we all meet again my friend.... rest in paradise... you'll never walk alone!!

**Dara Cerda** - July 20 at 02:33 PM

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“ I met Bob in 7th grade in band at Uni. He was a drummer and so was I. We became friends and remained so through high school. He was always kind. He was a great drummer and a great friend. I will miss Bob. “You can't touch the wall!”

**Matthew Winsor** - July 14 at 11:39 AM

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“ So hard to take that my baby brother is gone. He was the greatest brother a sister could ever ask for. I hated the fact that we lived so far apart CA to FL. The distance didn't keep us from getting on the phone when we wanted to check in on each other .This just can't seem possible. I love and miss you so much, but I know i have lots of good memories stored in my heart and that will keep me going  
I love you dearly and miss you already. RIP Bob until we meet again.



**Cathy Lynn** - July 07 at 09:01 PM



“ Bob was a Highgrovian through and through... the neighborhood we all grew up with will miss him dearly. A Highgrovian brother taken way too soon. Rest in peace my friend!

Julian Ramirez - July 07 at 07:09 PM

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“ Bobby was such a sweetheart, Debbie helped our daughter, Denise, while we were in Laughlin for uncle Bills memorial, she had car trouble & Debbie had insurance to help her get home, we will never forget that, when Bobby was just a little guy, he would come up to the high desert where we lived, in a mobile home, & kept dinking with the door slide, we got after him, he would push but, what kid wouldn't?? rest easy dear Bobby, you will & are missed by many!

nancy whitford - July 05 at 09:23 PM

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“ Although I wasn't a close friend, I remember Bob as a happy and easy-going guy. We were in band together in middle school and high school. I don't ever remember him saying anything unkind. He was almost always smiling. He graduated just a few people in front of me in 1987. BSR and the class of 1987 wouldn't be the same without Whiffy!  
Rest in peace, my friend!  
Alaina Willis

Alaina Willis - July 05 at 06:08 PM

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“ Bob was the first person we thought of when we had a leak in our upstairs bathroom at our old house. He came right over and helped us figure out how bad the damage was. When we found out. Omg was sick he came over and helped fix her leaky faucet and get her bathroom back in shape. Bob, Debbie and Sara took her out to lunch and made her laugh. Always willing to give of himself with no questions. He was a great father to Sara and a wonderful husband to Debbie and I am forever grateful for his presence in our lives. Thank you Bob for being there for us. We will truly miss you. My love to my Cousin Debbie and Sara. Even though we can't be there with you both know we are there in your hearts. I love you.

Nanette Bradford - July 05 at 01:43 PM