



Lisa R. Whiteman

July 1, 1974 - August 27, 2023

Lisa Whiteman, age 49, passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2023, peacefully surrounded by her family.

Lisa had battled brain cancer with grace and grit since early March. Lisa chose to quietly stare down a devastating diagnosis by bringing God glory every step of the way, regularly posting about His goodness and mercy available to all who chose to receive. She exuded peace in every aspect of her circumstances.

Lisa's greatest aspiration in life was to be a mom, and she did that with great success raising Hannah (25), Sophia (22), Noah (20) and Eva (18) to be sound in their own faith.

Lisa was a passionate educator. She began teaching in 1996 after graduating from Indiana Wesleyan University with a degree in Elementary Education. While at Indiana Wesleyan, Lisa was an accomplished athlete often competing at the national level, often coaching throughout the later years of her life. After giving birth to Hannah in 1998, Lisa stepped out of the classroom as a formal teacher. She spent the next few years focused on raising her kids, preparing them for life and education in Holland Public Schools. Lisa began deploying her gifts through the Parent Teacher Association, eventually becoming President of the Association. She later ran

for Holland Public Schools Board of Education, where she eventually became Treasurer of the Board.

After stepping down from the school board, Lisa chose to take a job in the school system as an instructional aide. The district had a high need in Autism classrooms so Lisa step right in. When the District needed to add another Autism classroom, Lisa decided to fill that gap and at the same time began perusing a Masters degree in Special Education with an emphasis in Autism Spectrum Disorder. She completed that degree at the end of January 2023, just 5 weeks before her diagnosis.

It is clear to all that her drive was boundless, her love was fierce, and her faith was the rock on which all else stood. It would be an understatement to say that she has done more in half a lifetime to bring God glory than many could hope to do in a hundred. We will miss every aspect of her, and will continue to live out our days hoping that we strive as hard, love as boldly, and proclaim as loudly as she did, all for His glory, until we join her again in our eternal home.

She attended Restoration Church in Zeeland and worked for Holland Public Schools as an ASD teacher at West K-5 remaining a steadfast mother and wife.

She was preceded in death by her father, Glenn Weener.

Lisa is survived by her husband of 27 years, Todd; children, Hannah, Sophia, Noah, Eva; Mother, Dona (Jerry) Schmidt; siblings, David (Fan Fan) Wainer, Anne (Phil) Hoover; parents-in-law, Thomas and Maxine Whiteman; brother-in-law, Tom Jr. (Lori) Whiteman; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions in Lisa's honor may be given to:

The National Christian College Athletic Christian Service Projects

NCCAA

Christian Service Projects

Gift in Memory of Lisa Whiteman

302 West Washington St.

Greenville, SC 29601

Online at: thenccaa.org/give

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To view the livestream of the service, please visit <https://centralevents.online.church/>

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 1, 2023 at Central Wesleyan Church, 446 W. 40th St. Holland (please use entrances A & I). Burial will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Thursday, August 31, at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St. Holland.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrim Home Cemetery

370 E. 16th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home
315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-2306
info@langelandsterenberg.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Memorial Service

SEP 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Wesleyan Church
446 West 40th St.
Holland, MI 49423

Please use Entrances A & I

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lisa R. Whiteman*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - August 31, 2023 at 11:31 AM

SB

Dona, just going through the loss of someone whom I loved very much, I pray you and your family will experience God's Amazing Grace , His Goodness, His Love and most of all His Presence. May He bring comfort to you and the family as only He can do during these difficult days. Sending a Hug and a Prayer
Sooky Bale

Sooky Bale - August 31, 2023 at 07:52 PM

GR

“ *Thinking of you Todd and your family as you struggle through your loss of Lisa.*

Greg Robinson

Greg Robinson - September 05, 2023 at 05:12 PM

DV

“ *Dear Dona, so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter Lisa. Ps. 34:18 May the Lord be close to you and comfort you with His loving presence.*

Donna Vanwieren - August 31, 2023 at 08:52 PM

SB

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Sooky Bale

Sooky Bale - August 31, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 31, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lisa R. Whiteman.*

August 31, 2023 at 01:36 PM

BP

“ *Bob Hance, MEC President/CEO purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



Bob Hance, MEC President/CEO - August 31, 2023 at 12:46 PM

BP

“ Bob Hance, MEC President/CEO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa R. Whiteman.

Bob Hance, MEC President/CEO - August 31, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.



August 31, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.



August 30, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.



August 30, 2023 at 06:33 PM

RB

“ *Dona, we read this with sadness. We send our love, blessings, and sympathy to you and the whole family.*

Randy and Rose Brondyke

Randy and Rose Brondyke - August 30, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 30, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 30, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lisa R. Whiteman.*

August 30, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 30, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 30, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lisa R. Whiteman.*

August 30, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 30, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.



August 30, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lisa R. Whiteman.

August 30, 2023 at 08:42 AM



“ We remember her as a sweet ,beautiful gal. Loving the Lord and her husband. Such a great couple. May God continue to give you all His grace and peace. 🙏

Doug and Linda Kucera - August 30, 2023 at 07:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.



August 29, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lisa R. Whiteman.

August 29, 2023 at 08:50 PM

DF

“ Todd, our deepest sympathies to you and your children.

David and Kristi Fraam - August 29, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.



August 29, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lisa R. Whiteman.

August 29, 2023 at 07:33 PM

JB

“ As one whose wife "fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith" through a terminal cancer diagnosis, my heart goes out to you Todd. Lisa will be greatly missed by you, your children and the entire community.

Jonathan C Brownson - August 29, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.



August 29, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 29, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 29, 2023 at 12:58 PM



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 29, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 29, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 29, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 29, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 28, 2023 at 09:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lisa R. Whiteman.*



August 28, 2023 at 09:02 PM