

**Michael Whitaker, 70** ✓

Nov. 10, 1941 - Nov. 16, 2011

**CARROLL** — Michael Lynn Whitaker, the son of Van and Theresa (Pinochi) Dasher, was born on November 10, 1941, in Richmond, CA. He graduated from Westside High School in Omaha, NE. He enlisted in the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam War before being honorably discharged.

On December 5, 1971, Mike was united in marriage to Ellen Ann Rold in Cuppy's Grove. They had one son, Christopher. Mike worked at Western Engineering Company in Harlan from 1965 to 1988. At that time, he went to work for the Shelby County Secondary Roads Department until 2006.

Mike was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan where he served as chairman of the trustees.

On August 1, 2008, Mike was married to Mary Nieland in Wall Lake. He enjoyed woodworking, reading, and traveling. Mike died on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, having attained the age of seventy years and six days.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife Ellen. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. He is survived by his wife Mary Whitaker of Carroll; son Chris Whitaker also of Carroll; sisters Sharon and her husband Lester Frazier of Georgetown, TX and Susan and her husband Barney Smith of Yuma, AZ; Mary's children: Janet Renze and her husband Kevin of Mitchellville, MD, children Henry and Charlie; John Nieland and his wife Anne of Urbandale, children Tom and Zach; Denise Boring and her husband Chris of Urbandale; Jim Nieland and his wife Liz of North Wilkesboro, NC, children: Ally, Tony and Andrew; other family members and many friends.

Pastor Donna Ewert officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Monday, November 21, 2011 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Honorary casket bearers were Larry Miller, Leo "Spike" Kloewer, Jim Noble, Larry Manz, and Buck Pauley. Serving as casket bearers were Kevin "Hoss" Krohn, Byron "Doc" Christensen, Dale Mueggenberg, Bert Hillers, Mark Garrett, and Mike Kienast. Private military rites were performed by Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 at the Harlan Cemetery.



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