



## Michael T. Whitaker

April 1, 1951 - May 25, 2012

Michael Thomas Whitaker, 61, passed away Friday, May 25, 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas. Visitation will be held Saturday from 10 to 12 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614. Inurnment will follow at Mt Calvary Cemetery. Memorials: Contributions may be made to Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center, 1700 Pacific Ave., Dallas, Texas 75201; or Community Hospice of Texas, 6100 Western Place, Suite 500, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. Michael Thomas Whitaker was born April 1, 1951, to Tom and Mary Whitaker in Emporia, Kan. He graduated from Reading High School in Reading, Kan., then went to Emporia State University in Emporia, graduating with a B.S. in business. Mike went to work for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway as a consulting systems developer for technology services being employed there for over 30 years. Mike was raised in the Catholic faith attending various Catholic churches in Kansas and Texas and was currently a member of Gateway Church in Southlake. He married Catherine Brooke on Oct. 23, 1981, in Topeka, Kan. His love of family caused him to trace both the Whitaker and Brooke family roots. He compiled several volumes of detailed family information for all to reference. Mike also enjoyed volunteering through out his life in both Topeka and Fort Worth, specifically with the Topeka Performing Arts Center and the Treasures of the Czars exhibit in Topeka, as well as the Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth. Mr. Whitaker was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Frances Whitaker, and uncle, Charlie Whitaker. Survivors: Spouse, Catherine Whitaker; daughters, Kellie

Whitaker, Kristen Whitaker; son, Kevin Whitaker, all of Keller; father, Tom Whitaker of Reading, Kan.; sisters, Mary Ann Livingston of Emporia, Kan., Kate Whitaker of Lenexa, Kan., Pat Whitaker of Emporia; brother, Harry Whitaker of Reading; many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and cousins.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael T. Whitaker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *To the family of Mike,*

*You have my symphathy. I remember this whole family when the children were little and went to daycare. Your Dad was always such a pleasant, funny and man with good humor. May you find comfort in retelling stories of Mike as you keep his memory alive in your hearts.*

**Virginia Schmelzle** - June 09, 2012 at 12:42 PM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss. May the God of all comfort and of tender mercies, who comforts us in all our tribulations, grant you peace and strength to endure the difficult days ahead. He sustains us with His promises found in His Word, the Holy Bible. They were written so that we might have hope. (John 5:28-29)*

**Dolores Baker** - June 09, 2012 at 08:47 AM



“ *We have only the fondest memories of Mike and his entire family. May God speed you peace.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Ping, Diana and Matt Enriquez*

**Diana Enriquez** - June 08, 2012 at 10:45 PM

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“ *I will really miss Mike's smile. He was a wonderful person and his BNSF family will miss him greatly.* ”

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**Melinda Cowin** - June 08, 2012 at 10:10 AM