



## Charles Riley Whorton

October 14, 1939 - March 7, 2024

Charles Riley Whorton, 84, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died on March 7th, 2024, at the Siloam Springs Nursing home. Charles was born October 14, 1939, in Warner, Oklahoma to Joseph Allen Whorton and Lottie Mae Whorton. Charles was raised on a cotton farm where he worked extremely hard throughout his childhood.

After high school graduation in 1957, Charles attended Connors Junior College in Warner, Oklahoma. While a student, he worked at his future Father-in-laws sawmill. Then, on August 7, 1962, he married Sharon Kaye Thompson. He graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in 1966 with a degree in mathematics. He taught junior high and high school math for 6 years at Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. Charles then went on to work in the grocery business and was a driver for Wonder Bread.

In 1984, Charles and Kaye and their two children moved to Sedalia, Missouri to open a Western Sizzlin Steakhouse that they owned and operated for 13 years. After selling the restaurant, they purchased a 900-acre ranch and started a cow and calf operation. After retiring from the ranch operation in 2007, they moved to Siloam Springs, Arkansas and began investing in real estate. They bought and sold lots in major subdivisions. They attended Sagar Creek Community Church.

Charles was preceded in death by both parents, two brothers, John and Bill, and one sister, Allene. He is survived by his wife Sharon Kaye of the home, one son, Brian Whorton and wife Kim of Sedalia, Missouri, and one daughter Scharla Sheppard and husband Travis of Cole Camp, Missouri, and two grandchildren, Brody Whorton and Morgan Sheppard.

A visitation will be held Saturday, March 16th, at 10:00 at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs. A funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00, and then Charles will be laid to rest at 2:30 in the Starnes Cemetery in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Burial

MAR 16. 2:30 PM.

Starnes Cemetery  
Fort Gibson, OK

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ *Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Charles Whorton*



Eunice Brown - July 12, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Charles Riley Whorton.*



March 15, 2024 at 04:46 PM

DW

“ *Denise Whorton sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Whorton*



Denise Whorton - March 12, 2024 at 10:41 PM

DW

“ *Denise Whorton lit a candle in memory of Charles Whorton*



Denise Whorton - March 12, 2024 at 10:40 PM

DW

“ Charles was always kind to me, a great Uncle and always had a smile on his face. I'm so sorry to hear of his loss. Wishing you all the peace and comfort possible.

Denise Whorton - March 12, 2024 at 10:39 PM

JE

“ Jess & Phyllis Epple purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Charles Riley Whorton.



Jess & Phyllis Epple - March 12, 2024 at 05:11 PM

GH

“ My condolences to the family. I helped open Western Sizzlin as a fry cook when I was 16 years old. Charles called me his "good ol' hass". He taught me some hard work ethics I still use at the age of 55. Sharla and Brian I have good memories of you two also. I'm sorry for your loss.

Greg Heimsoth - March 12, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ Our condolences to all of the Whorton Family & Friends during this sad time. Charles, was never afraid to work as hard as necessary to accomplish a task, no matter how difficult. Rest in Peace old Friend. - the Epple family.



Jess Epple - March 12, 2024 at 03:55 PM