



Andrew Whalen

September 23, 2000 - June 10, 2023

LCpl Andrew James Whalen of Gardendale, Alabama, passed away unexpectedly on June 10, 2023. He was only 22 years old. His family is deeply saddened by his sudden death. Andrew was born on September 23, 2000.

Andrew is survived by his mother, Rachel Michele Sutherland (Shawn), and his father, James Sidney Whalen (Rian). He will also be forever adored and remembered by his siblings; Savannah Whalen, Jonathan Whalen, Addie Whalen, and Haley Sutherland. Andrew is survived by loving grandparents James and Linda Smith, Mary Whalen, Lynda Hicks, and William and Cheryl Galtney. Andrew is also survived by many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends who loved him and will remember his impact on their lives.

Andrew was preceded in death by beloved grandfathers Gene Whalen and Lacy Hicks.

Andrew graduated from Gardendale High School in 2019. Andrew was an excellent student and football player at GHS. After working in Alabama and Texas for a year or so, Andrew made the courageous decision to join the United States Marine Corps. With his proud family looking on, Andrew graduated from USMC basic training on Parris Island, SC, on October 28, 2021. Andrew loved being a Marine. He loved the work, the training, and the

brotherhood with his fellow soldiers, and he was proud to have the opportunity to serve his country. After completing his training in technical school, Andrew joined Company E, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve in Bessemer.

While serving in the Marine Forces Reserves, Andrew attended Wallace State to earn his associate in applied science degree for HVAC and worked at Jeffcoat and Associates. Andrew liked and took to his work in HVAC well. He was a hard worker and a fast learner and appreciated all he learned from his supervisors and co-workers while on the job. Andrew was always so thankful to all those who took the time to teach him and share their time and talents with him.

Andrew was a member of Westside Community Church in Warrior and, in his free time, enjoyed bowling with Jon and Savannah, hanging out with friends, going to the lake to fish, and vacationing at the beach. He was an avid Alabama football fan and loved attending games with his family and friends. Andrew liked working with his hands and was always the first to volunteer to help those who needed assistance with their yard work, housework, or any project.

Andrew had so much goodness in him. He cared for others before himself. He had the capacity to bring happiness and love to those around him. He had a bright future and this world is a darker, lesser place without him.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 16, 2023, at 2:00 PM at New Horizon Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Mark Adams officiating. Micah Marcum will give the eulogy. The family will receive friends for visitation from Noon until service time. Burial will follow at Shanghai Cemetery with full military honors.

New Horizon is located at 5203 Hollis Goodwin Road in Dora, AL. The cemetery is located at 6915 Sharon Blvd. in Quinton, AL. New Horizon Funeral Home is directing.

Cemetery Details

Shanghi Cemetery

7494 Quinton Rd.
Quinton, AL 35130

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew Whalen*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *I had the privilege of being one of Andrew's instructors at Engineer school. I remember him being a quiet leader who led by example. My condolences to his friends and family. RIP. Engineers Up.*

Ed - June 20, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ *Page and Joanna Barnes purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



Page and Joanna Barnes - June 16, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 15, 2023 at 04:04 PM

KS

“ *Kristin Finch, Hunter and Ally Stokes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



Kristin Finch, Hunter and Ally Stokes - June 15, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home - June 15, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 14, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 14, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *I don't know you personally but my son graduated at the same time as your son in the Marines. Thanks to him for loving and serving our country. Once a Marine always a Marine. May the love and strength of Our Lord comfort you all.*

Bonnie Peltier, Baton Rouge, LA - June 14, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *David Edwards and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



David Edwards and Family - June 14, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *Betty MORROW purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



Betty MORROW - June 14, 2023 at 09:00 AM

BM

“ Betty MORROW planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Whalen.

Betty MORROW - June 14, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.



June 14, 2023 at 05:45 AM



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

June 14, 2023 at 05:45 AM



“ To the Family and Friends to Whalen I send my condolence to you all. Whalen was great friend and fellow Marine. May God rest his soul and let his name and dedication to the Corps be remembered.



Victor Blandino Jr. - June 14, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 13, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 13, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 13, 2023 at 07:09 PM



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

June 13, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 13, 2023 at 05:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 13, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Lucas and Lela Anderson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



Lucas and Lela Anderson - June 13, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ *Lucas and Lela Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Whalen.*

Lucas and Lela Anderson - June 13, 2023 at 02:55 PM

AB

“ *Angelar Barber lit a candle in memory of Andrew Whalen*



Angelar Barber - June 13, 2023 at 02:37 PM

MY

“ *My deepest condolences for your loss. Praying for strength and Andrew rests in Peace.*



Martha Young - June 13, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 13, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Andrew Whalen.*



June 13, 2023 at 10:17 AM

DC

“ Andrew, you were such an awesome young man. I can't believe you are gone. You have achieved so much in your short life and your future looked so bright. We are going to miss you so much. Knowing you were next door and so willing to help if we needed anything was a comfort to us. We loved talking to you and getting to know you. We miss you!

Darlene Calhoun - June 12, 2023 at 01:49 PM