



## Mr. Ross S Whitehead of Inverness

October 10, 1986 - April 10, 2022

Ross Soon Whitehead, 35, of Inverness, Illinois.

Beloved son of Craig Whitehead and Mary Whitehead, nee Swatek, loving brother of Mollie (Drew Trammell) Whitehead and Neal (Jaymee Pettit) Whitehead; cherished uncle of Alexis Trammell, William Trammell, Bodi Whitehead and Rhylee Whitehead, devoted grandson of Albert and the late Jean Swatek and Donna and the late Herbert Whitehead.

Ross graduated from Fremd High School in 2005. He attended Harper College and Columbia College. Ross received a certificate in computer coding from the Actualize Coding Boot Camp, of Chicago, IL. He loved roller coasters, the Chicago Bulls and technology.

Family and Friends will meet Friday, April 22, 2022 from 2:00 P.M. until time of memorial service 4:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169.

In lieu of flowers memorials to NAMI ([https://donate.nami.org/give/197406/#!/donation/checkout?utm\\_source=globalNav&utm\\_medium=website&utm\\_campaign=DonationTracking&c\\_src=WEBDG](https://donate.nami.org/give/197406/#!/donation/checkout?utm_source=globalNav&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=DonationTracking&c_src=WEBDG)) would be appreciated.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the Whitehead family, please click on the link above and you can leave the Whitehead family a message, with the share a memory link. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Whitehead Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Whitehead Family. We will gladly forward it on.

# Cemetery Details

**The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.**

2550 Hassell Road  
(Northeast corner at Barrington Road)  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
(847) 752-6444  
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com  
<http://MorizzoFuneralHome.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 22.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

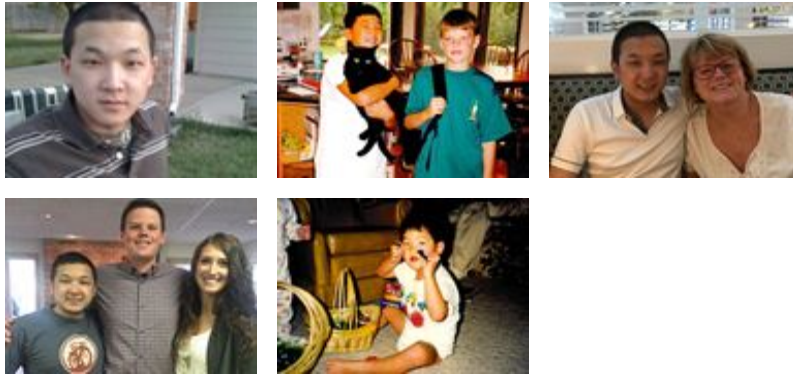


“ *Mr. Ross S Whitehead of Inverness*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



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**Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - April 20, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Was watching old videos with my family tonight and this video of Ross popped up. A first friend, neighborhood friend, first day of school. It was surreal to say the least. Scott, Ross and I enjoying our first day of school with our moms. Clearly Ross was reaching out tonight. RIP.*



**Dominique** - April 16, 2022 at 11:35 PM

TO

“ Ross was incredibly kind. Sometimes I struggle to meet new people, left to my own devices I'll happily go along on my own. But on our first day of school together he made the effort to get to know me and slowly got me out of my shell. His eagerness to make a new friend opened the doors for me to get the most of school and make some real bonds along the way, I'm really grateful to him for that.

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Tom - April 15, 2022 at 09:52 AM



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April 13, 2022 at 06:28 PM



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April 13, 2022 at 02:20 PM

NE

“ I met Ross a little after high school and grew close to him fairly quickly. He was one of the nicest, kindest people that I have ever met. He was one of those people that we could do nothing and it would be very enjoyable. The conversations that we had are ones that I will always cherish whether it was talking about sports or music, to the more personal stuff about struggles in life and society. He always made sure to check in and see how everything was going and say something positive about something going on in my life. He was one of kind and will be truly missed.

*Rest in Peace Ross. Love you.*



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**Nick Engleman** - April 13, 2022 at 11:01 AM

AL

“ Ross was a pure soul with a heart as big as his smile. We shared a connection in our passion for all things tech and a mutual taste in music. So much so that he didn't waist a second in coming down to meet us in Chicago while we were in town for Lollapalooza.

*This is a memory that I will never forget because it wasn't only an opportunity to have fun listening to live music, but that night I got the chance to connect with Ross on a personal level. He opened up to me on a number of things about himself and some of the struggles he faced. We were able to connect beyond the surface level and I appreciated and cherished his trust in me and vise versa.*

*After that, we were always able to stay connected. I'm going to miss his texts just checking in, or passing recent music discoveries back and forth. I always believed in Ross and encouraged him to simply be himself. Because deep down I knew he had strength and so much light to spread. I would get so happy about how proud he would be to show me his latest coding project or progress in building his super computer and how proud of him I was when he delivered his final presentation for class.*

*Now, as we face a life without him I reflect on how important the lasting impressions we make on our families and friends are. How we all need to celebrate every day on Earth because nothing is guaranteed. Spread love and smiles the way he did, because you never know how much it can mean to someone in their hardest days. I know Ross would only want the best for all of us he left behind and I will always carry the best of Ross with me in my heart. Rest in peace my friend.*

-Alex



Alex - April 12, 2022 at 09:45 PM

SC

“ In elementary school, every single recess, a group of 12-15 of us would play touch football, and the two best players would pick teams going back and forth, selecting the best kids all the way down. Ross wasn't ever picked first, but everyone always rooted for him.

One otherwise uneventful afternoon, the game had been particularly close, going back and forth all recess. We were tied as the lunch monitors blew their final whistles, meaning it was time to come in. Colloquially, we knew this meant we got to run one last play before going back to class. Our team had the ball deep in our own territory, and often at times like these, we would just call the game and head inside. For some reason we decided to play it out.

The quarterback snapped the ball and the rest of us sprinted as far as we could as fast as we could, trying to break loose for a Hail Mary. No one could get open, and it felt like a lost cause. Then we saw the QB launch the ball to the corner of the field, away from the action of a dozen boys tussling together. A lone Ross had broken free and was wide open.

The ball sailed above his head, bouncing just off his outstretched hands, up into the air. He stumbled forward, readjusting to the ball that was now arching far in front of him, but again he was able to keep it in the air, bobbling it with his finger tips. He did it at least one more time, maybe two or three, before falling to the ground, the ball safely cradled in his arms in the end zone.

The playground went absolutely wild, school kids using new curse words they'd just learned to describe the highlight-reel-nature of the game winner we'd all witnessed. Everyone just amazed at a true underdog moment Ross brought to life.

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Scott - April 12, 2022 at 04:01 PM

NJ

*I remember the darling toddler Neal running around, and Mary expressing their delightful "surprise" - and that it was "perfect timing". Had they known they could have more children, may not have pursued adoption .... and where would they be without Rossie? Beloved son and brother, uncle and friend. The world will always miss you, Ross.*

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**NJ** - April 12, 2022 at 07:22 PM

CM

*We are so sorry for your loss. May you all be in peace. Christina and Ray Maratea*

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**Christina Maratea** - April 14, 2022 at 02:08 PM

TO

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**Tom** - April 15, 2022 at 09:45 AM

TK

So sorry

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*We are so sorry for your loss! John and Tracy Klimek*

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**Tracy Klimek** - April 16, 2022 at 04:02 PM

BR

*Sharing in your sadness as you remember Ross.*

*We attended Actualize together in the summer of 2019. In our brief time together, Ross was incredibly kind and put genuine effort into getting to know his classmates. While I didn't know him very well, I did admire his enthusiasm for technology (and rollercoasters) and his tenacity to complete the program.*

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**Brittani** - April 22, 2022 at 10:11 PM