



## Luke Whitbeck

January 30, 1968 - February 21, 2015

Luke Whitbeck died peacefully at home in the loving care of the staff at Lake Street in Valatie on Saturday, February 21, 2015. He was 47 years old.

Luke led a very full and happy life. He was enrolled in the first pre-school for handicapped children, The Happy Day School, in this area. In the Special Olympics he excelled and won awards in swimming.

He attended Hudson High School. There he developed his love of football as ball boy for the team and traveled with them to games. The Hudson Boys Club became his second home. He loved watching wrestling, playing his cd's and socializing.

Leaving home to live in Germantown and work at the COARC workshop in Mellenville, he experienced many years of friendships and wonderful mentors. He was well known and loved in the community and will be dearly missed by all he touched.

Luke was predeceased by his father, Harvey Whitbeck and his sister Patrice.

He is survived by his mother, Lenore, his brothers, Harvey, Stephen, Paul and John Whitbeck, his sisters, Jan Rhiner, Denise Whitbeck and Cynthia Hills, as well as nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm -7:00 pm Thursday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to COARC, P.O. Box 2, Mellenville, NY, 12544.



MK

“ Dear Lenore and family, so sorry to hear of Luke's passing. Mary Kline

Mary Kline - February 25, 2015 at 05:14 PM

MH

“ Thinking of your family at this difficult time...alike was a memorable and special young man!!! RIP...I'm sure he and Martha are doing some Special Olympics gig in Heaven 😍

Mary Moront Hunter - February 25, 2015 at 02:59 PM

GP

“ my condolences to the family... Luke always been nice to me and my family.. Even as kids..RIP



Galen Pell - February 25, 2015 at 01:16 PM

MM

“ Lenore and family,  
i am deeply saddened to hear about Luke's death. I couldn't agree with you more, Luke sure did lead a happy and fulfilling life. He made that happen! Who could resist his smile or sense of humor? Coaching Luke in Special Olympics over the years was such a pleasure. After he would give me that look like, "are you serious?" he would get to work. He will live on in the hearts of so many, he was blessed to have a family as wonderful as yours.  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Mim Millar

Mim Millar - February 25, 2015 at 11:02 AM

JR

“ Aunt Bubbles my deepest condolences to you and the family. I'm sure he's found my sister Mary on the other side.

Jerry Reardon - February 25, 2015 at 09:53 AM

LN

“ Luke was a great guy with an awesome personality!! He could light up a room! I remember meeting Luke at the Hudson Legion at a Holiday Party they had with a DJ & dancing with Luke! Boy did he love to dance! Luke always had such a great smile & was full of life! Luke will surely be missed by many! Until we meet again Luke! Big hugs! <3

Laurel Northup - February 25, 2015 at 03:20 AM

JE

“ Heartfelt condolences. I have many wonderful memories of Luke from when I was younger and many of us would hang out on Allen and East Allen. He was always smiling and giving hugs!  
Jacquie Wallace Equite



Jacquie Wallace Equite - February 25, 2015 at 01:01 AM

DB

“ I was sad to hear of Luke's passing !! I will always remember his smile . Always remember him at the football games . Rest easy my friend <3 My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends :(

Deb Barnes - February 24, 2015 at 08:41 PM

TL

“ My deepest condolences to Luke's family and all his many friends that he worked with at COARC. I was one of the lucky people that got the pure pleasure of working with Luke and so enjoyed his smiling face when he was listening to his music while he was working or him interacting with his friends.



Traci Laurange - February 24, 2015 at 07:08 PM

SC

“ He was a wonderful guy, always so full of Bluehawk spirit. I can picture him clearly in his football jersey; a huge, proud smile on his face. May you rest easy with the angels!

Susanna Cook-Carusone - February 24, 2015 at 05:20 PM

VG

“ I have lots of memories of my buddy Luker, he was truly a blessing to me. I learned so much from Luke at a young age. He always had a big hug and a loving smile. I also spent many a days at the Whitbeck residence hanging out with Brother John and watching Luke as John was the youngest, closest to Luke. We were always entertained by Luke, like he was watching us.. I loved Luke like a brother and always will.. Until we meet again Luke, I will never forget you or your smile. Your brother Vic G. (bictor,bictor,bictor).....

victor gorman - February 24, 2015 at 04:00 PM

PK

“ Spent many days at the Whitbecks on Willard Place listening to the Dobbie Brothers and partying with Paul and having Luke hang out with us. From those days to the days I walked a beat as a Hudson cop(15 years ago) to several months ago whenever I saw Luke he would call out my name and give me a hug. I will always hear Luke saying "Kissellbrack". Luke will be missed.....

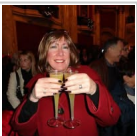
Paul Kisselbrack - February 24, 2015 at 03:19 PM

DD

“ I am sorry to read of Luke's death. He will be remembered with a smile-he had the knack of making everyone else smile.

*Dan Driggs*

Daniel Driggs - February 24, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your son and brother Luke. Although I haven't seen him in many years, I have fond memories of him when we were all growing up. May God help you all find peace during this difficult time.

*Warmest regards,*

*Meg Wallace Loadholt*

Meg Loadholt - February 24, 2015 at 12:49 PM

AM

“ To The Whitbeck family and Naima sorry for your loss. Luke was very special.

*Amy Lemmerman*

amy - February 24, 2015 at 10:41 AM

JB

“ *To all the Whitbeck Family  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Luke was a very special person and I was always proud to say he was my friend and was like my little brother I never had. I was reunited with Luke when he first came to work for COARC. Even after I left and would see him out in the County he always had a big smile and I will always remember him that way.  
From all the Barnards our Condolences  
Jill Barnard*

Jill Barnard - February 24, 2015 at 10:21 AM

KC

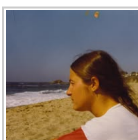
*To the Whitbeck family,  
Our sincerest sympathy on the loss of Luke. Wendy's band played at many Coarc dances and remembers Luke having a blast! We're in Florida, do we can't be at the calling hours. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Wendy and Kay Reardon Cook*

Kay Cook - February 24, 2015 at 11:36 AM

GA

*To the Whitbeck family,  
I want to express my sincere sympathy for your loss. I must admit, I did not know him or the family, however; when I read the obituary, he seemed like such a caring person. Not that any obituary is "nice", but I did want to say that when I was reading it, you really seemed to speak about him and gave a picture of a person and most obits sound like a notice.... Again, I'm sorry for your loss, but want to thank you for allowing those of us who did not know him, a sense of who he was. G.P.*

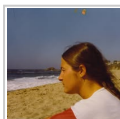
Gail - February 25, 2015 at 07:57 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Frances Drabick - February 24, 2015 at 08:57 AM



*Luke is peeking out from the back row, between Mike K. in dark cap & Clifford VA. wearing Cape Cod Sweatshirt...*

Frances Drabick - February 24, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ *There are some people in life that make you smile just with the mention of their name... this is what Luke does for me... I can truly say, I loved Luke and his bigger than life personality that gave so much joy to others... My heart goes out to his entire family, with extra tight hugs for Lenore.*  
*Frances Drabick*  
*Eastport, Maine*

Francis Drabick - February 24, 2015 at 08:54 AM

SE

“ *Suanne & Eddie lit a candle in memory of Luke Whitbeck*



Suanne & Eddie - February 24, 2015 at 08:06 AM



*I remember.....growing up.....with Patrice and her brother Luke.....we had fun...God Bless.....*

Carole Tomlinson - March 08, 2015 at 02:25 PM

DR

“ *Mrs. Whitbeck and family, So sorry to hear of the loss of Luke. We are all very happy to know that he led a happy life. He brightened a lot of lives. Our condolences.*

*Dan, David, Mark and Jimmy Russell*

Dan Russell - February 24, 2015 at 08:01 AM

BT

*To all the Whitbecks-Our condolences to the family on your loss. Luke was a special person that had a gleam in his eyes and the energy to want to be part of everything!*

*We were fortunate to have known him and know he is in good hands.  
 Sincerely Bill T*

Bill T - February 26, 2015 at 06:49 AM