



## Hugh "Peanuts" David Whalum Jr.

September 8, 1928 - December 25, 2019

Hugh David Whalum, Jr., was born September 8, 1928, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a passionate musician, educator, husband, father of seven, grandfather (11), great-grandfather (15), brother, mentor, and friend.

"Peanuts," as he was affectionately known, possessed the rare mixture of intelligence, humility, and humor. Above all he was warm, cheerful, charitable and committed to music excellence — both instrumental and vocal.

For decades, Peanuts delighted audiences all over St. Louis and the United States with his musical performances, playing with greats such as Count Basie, Leontyne Price, Duke Ellington, and Nat "King" Cole. In 2014, Peanuts was inducted into the St. Louis Jazz Hall of Fame.

Veronica Freeland was the love of his life and cherished wife for nearly 70 years. To this union, seven children were born: David, Judy, Connie, Angela, Tony, Mary Beth, and Stephanie. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Judith Ann; his brothers Wendell Phillips, Harold Jamison and Kenneth Twigg; and his dear uncle and friend, Attorney/Judge Henry Leon Twigg (St. Louis). He was a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

His dear sister, Rosemarie Whalum Pollard (Memphis), and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and friends will cherish and remember ALL

of the blessed times and events shared with our special and beloved  
“Peanuts.”

# Cemetery Details

## National Cemetery - Jefferson Barracks

2900 Sheridan Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel  
111 Taylor Road  
Hazelwood, MO 63042  
(314) 895-3900  
info@archwaychapel.com

## Funeral Mass

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Mother of John the Baptist Church  
4330 Shreve Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63115

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I have thought of Hugh many times since leaving St. Louis over a decade ago. I will always be grateful for Hugh and Jeff providing a safe place for me to hear great music weekly as a single woman. He was a true gentleman. God's peace to the family as he now rests in peace.  
Jackie Meeks

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**Jackie Meeks** - September 21, 2021 at 07:35 PM

LS

“ Today, I tried to contact Peanuts and Veronica by phone, unsuccessfully, and searched the internet! I share your loss. I formed the Swingmasters 15-piece orchestra at Howard University in 1945 and Peanuts and I played trumpet. I have visited St. Louis and heard him sing with the piano and met his wife in the hotel lobby. I have met Kirk and have sung with the Wendell P Whalum choir at Morehouse College. I am a retired surgeon in Atlanta, GA and 93 years of age

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**LEE R SHELTON** - December 10, 2020 at 01:53 PM

DH

“ My condolences to the entire Whalum Family. You may remember me as Denise Barfield, I was a classmate of Angela. It was always a highlight of mine when Mr. Whalum would sing during Mass at OLPH. I was honored he took the time to sing at my wedding. When he sang so many turned to watch him sing! He was that good! I think of him fondly. I wish peace and comfort to all of you. May the lasting memories Mr. Whalum gave to so many sustain you.

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**Denise Huber** - January 09, 2020 at 10:10 AM

AG

*I remember Mr. Whalum, he was a real loving father and believed in loving others! He was church going 🙏 and I wished I could sing like he did! I had much love for his daughter Angela ❤️ . I moved away but I stop by to see her parents a few times after I left . I was thinking about them on Christmas and found out that Mr. Whalum had passed 😞 . I'm hurting and sorry for there lost ! My name is Arthur Gilwater (Bunny)*

**Arthur Gilwater** - December 26, 2020 at 12:19 PM

JH

*Peanuts played in our lounged at Henry VIII Restaurant for many years from 1974 and forward, m He had a great following and was loved by many.*

*Joe Hanon*

**Joe Hanon** - December 31, 2022 at 03:36 PM

FD

“ *Fredrick D.Whalum lit a candle in memory of Hugh "Peanuts" David Whalum Jr.*



**Fredrick D.Whalum** - January 02, 2020 at 05:44 PM

KC

“ *Our condolences to the Whalum family. It was an honor to serve Mr. Whalum.*  
*Unity Hospice*



**Kyla Chambers** - January 02, 2020 at 02:48 PM