



Wayma K "Pee Wee" Whitewing

March 27, 2020

Duson, LA - On Friday, March 27 at 10:50pm Central time, our beloved Wayma K "Pee Wee" Whitewing transitioned from this life into the next at the age of 86. Born February 11, 1934 in Reichert, Oklahoma to Alva Cheves Whitewing and Nola Ethel Haynes, Pee Wee moved with his family to the South Bay area of California at the age of 8, where he lived until he began to travel professionally as a musician in his late teens. The eldest of three sons, Pee Wee was preceded in death by his parents as well as his brother G. J. "Zeke" Whitewing, and is survived by his brother Bob Whitewing. After marrying his first wife Doye Ann Thibodeaux and starting his family in the bay area where he was raised, he settled in her home in the Ridge area of Southwest Louisiana. Pee Wee and Doye had four children: Wayma Ray "Bubba" Whitewing, who predeceased both of his parents; and is survived by: DeMerris Whitewing Abaldo and husband John Abaldo; Andrus C. Whitewing and his wife Lora, and Andre P. Whitewing. Pee Wee adopted his eldest granddaughter, Andie Whitewing and was her surrogate father as well, and survives him with her children Blake and Ursula Robinson. For the last 30 years of his life, Pee Wee was married to Rhonda Boudreaux from Rayne, Louisiana, and she survives him as well as his step-children, Cory Prejean and wife Karen and children Ben and Claire; and Kellie Daigle and husband Scott, and children Nicholas and Morgan Moreau and Mallory Daigle.

Pee Wee is also survived by grandchildren, Aimee Weiss, Asa Whitewing,

Sheena Whitewing and her children Arya and Uriah Schaedel, Elliott Whitewing, Andre R. Whitewing, Ashley Whitewing Gates and husband Butler and daughter Grace; by his daughter-in-law Monica Whitewing and her daughters and their families: Heidi Roth and husband Jeremy and daughters Avalynn and Mazzi; Heather Letchworth and son Mason Ancelet; and Holly Farr and husband Patrick and son Rio. Pee Wee's large family is a testament to his deep love for and commitment to family throughout his life.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Doye Ann ThibodeauxWhitewing, son, Wayma Ray "Bubba" Whitewing, parents, Alva Cheves Whitewing and Nola Ethel Haynes.

Though he frequently traveled for business and music, Pee Wee spent most of his life in Southwest Louisiana, where he was a barber, a farmer, an independent petroleum landman, a professional musician, and the patriarch and rock for his extended family and community. Throughout the course of his life, Pee Wee generously supported the growth and development of family, friends, and community, and has been widely influential in the mentorship of generations of younger musicians. Known for his genuine love for his fellows in humanity, his generosity, his deep and abiding spiritual faith, and not least of all his tremendous musical gifts, Pee Wee has left an indelible mark not only on all who have had the privilege to know him, but on the development of his primary instrument of pedal steel guitar, and leaves us all with a rich and abiding musical, as well as personal, legacy. The world, and especially Southwest Louisiana, are the richer for his having been a part of it.

For more information about the tremendous life and legacy of Pee Wee Whitewing, please visit his official website at: www.peeweewhitewing.com.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne,
LA (337) 334-3141.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Well, to say I am heartbroken to hear of Peewee’s passing, is an understatement. He was a friend of my dad’s, Buford Langston, and he was a rock when things went bad in an oil and gas venture in Madison County, Texas. He taught me to “step out” of the bad situation when things were overwhelming, and say “That is one screwed up mess over there, but I’m doing ok.” Then after a few minutes, we would jump back in and tackle the load of crap that we were dealing with!! Thank you, my friend, hope to see you again one day!!

Johnny Langston
713-875-6501

John Langston - May 12, 2021 at 12:32 PM

DF

“ Pee Wee was a big influence to me when I was a young boy. He and my dad played together many times and many of those times, I was there right next to the band stand or on the band stand with dad and Pee Wee. I’m a steel player now and I learned a lot from Pee Wee and he will be missed.

Dale Foreman

Dale Foreman - April 04, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Dear Folk,
It was our beloved Pee Wee's great joy to share his gift of music with the world, and to love each and every person he met. We invite you to celebrate his life in the interim by sharing your stories, photos, and remembrances, and to stream his album "Heart of Steel" at www.reverbnation.com/peeweewhitewing. He lives on in and through those he loves and those who love him, and of course, through his music <3. Thank you for helping us keep his spirit alive.
Love,
Andie Whitewing

Andie Whitewing - March 31, 2020 at 03:41 PM

DS

My name is Deacon Tommy Adams Sr. I am a retired deacon from Rayne and I met PeeWee several years ago and drank coffee in Rayne for many years. I am proud to call him a friend of mine and hope he is playing music in heaven. Thanks PeeWee!

Deacon Tommy Adams Sr. - March 31, 2020 at 08:06 PM

DP

My name is Dianne Persall, I am a retired Landman, and Just want to say that Pee Wee Was one of the great men that inspired me to become what I did, not only by profession, but also in Life, as he had a way of teaching everyone to love and respect each other, it was a joy to know him and made everyone's life much better! RIP, Pee Wee....

Dianne Persall - August 05, 2020 at 09:20 AM

AM

Andie, I am your cousin. I grew up in Santa Clara. I knew Zeke and Bob, but we lost touch. I remember hearing your dad's name. My grandfather, Ernest Lee Dorsey (Whitewing - he changed his name as Mr, Whitewing was not his father.) I knew Aunt Dutch the most as she and my grandparents were good friends. They fished a lot at the Perculation Ponds.

Amdrea - March 06, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Photo History by Andie Whitewing



Andie Whitewing - March 31, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ May the perpetual light shine upon Mr. Whitewing. May he RIP. Praying for the family.

Kellie Guilbeau - March 30, 2020 at 06:42 PM



That was one precious man. Was really a awesome friend . Played music with Pee Wee for many years. Pee Wee save us a wonderful place when we see each other again.

Tracy Roberds - March 31, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Whitewing. Praying for all of you in this difficult time.

Connie Speyrer - March 30, 2020 at 04:58 PM

LS

“ We met totally by God's accident and enjoyed many hours of music, philosophy, and oil n gas struggles over the years. God blessed me with your friendship. Rest in the peace that is Eternal Life, my friend.

Lou Soileau - March 30, 2020 at 04:33 PM

CA

I loved his shows when he preformed at the Rice Theater. He sure knew how to play the Steele Guitar 🎸. He will be missed by many. To all of his family, you have my Deepest sympathy.

Clara Ann Avant - March 30, 2020 at 06:30 PM

RM

“ Ron Myers lit a candle in memory of Wayma K "Pee Wee" Whitewing



Ron Myers - March 30, 2020 at 02:23 PM

AG

Fred and I and our family send heartfelt condolences to Rhonda and the whole family! He was a dear friend, a fabulous musician, a gentleman, one of a kind, irreplaceable! This is a great loss! God bless the family and may he rest in Heavenly Peace!

Annette Gossen - March 30, 2020 at 03:44 PM

SJ

May God bless you, and may His Holy Spirit comfort you. Our sympathy and prayers, Dallas and Sarah Johnson

Sarah Johnson - March 31, 2020 at 07:51 AM

CL

My deepest sympathies to Pee Wee's family.

Carolyn Castille Lormand - March 31, 2020 at 06:21 PM

BM

What a fun talented man he was. Always into the moment and enjoying life. We all could learn something from Pee Wee. RIP.

barbara martin - April 27, 2020 at 07:50 PM

CK

He was a fine musician and a fine fellow. We are fortunate that he passed our way.

Charles King, Crowley

Charles King - June 19, 2020 at 03:27 PM