



Whitney Lee Ruel

September 11, 1966 - February 19, 2010

Whitney Lee Haskins Ruel passed away peacefully on Friday, February 19, 2010 at the Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs, Florida. She was 43 and had been diagnosed with cancer three years ago. She is survived by her husband of nineteen years, William Ruel, and by her two rescued basset hounds, Boutros and Sully, to whom she was most dedicated. She is also survived by her father Eric W. Haskins, her mother Regina E. Haskins, and her younger sister Erica K. Haskins, all of Norwell, MA, and several aunts, uncles and many cousins. She was predeceased by her grandparents Ernest W. and Phyllis L. Haskins of Athol, MA. and Henry H. and Flora E. Stone of Cohasset, MA and her uncle and Godfather John C. Haskins of Norwell. Also by her first basset Elsi, second Zuzu and favorite Wellington.

Whitney was a graduate of Norwell High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and of Salem State College with a degree, magna cum laude, in Political Science. She was honored in the Who's Who of American College students.

Whitney was a dedicated employee of the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, serving as the Operations Manager in the Clerk's Office.

Whitney volunteered tirelessly and passionately for Suncoast Basset Rescue and Senior Houndsabout, also a basset hound rescue.

Whitney was an exceptional wife, daughter, sister and friend. She exemplified grace, courage, tenacity and wit through three years of difficult cancer treatments. She was a brilliant, yet modest and selfless person and we are all

better for having her in our lives.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests donations in Whitney's name be made to Senior Houndsabound, 3118 Wessex St. Orlando, FL 32803. Arrangements entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory 9001 N. Orlando Ave. Maitland, FL 32751, 407-695-CARE (2273)

Tribute Wall



“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Whitney was such a sweet soul. We talked alot about our dogs and our Clermont commute to Orlando at work. She had even offered to go with me when I had to make the terrible decision to euthanize a pet which I thought was incredibly generous of her. She will be sadly missed by her "court" family.##imported-begin##Anita Justin##imported-end##

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“ Whitney and I worked together for several years at CNL. She was a very special person and she was very dear to me. I will miss her very much.##imported-begin##Kay Cooksey##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathies to Bill and the family. Whitney was an amazing woman who touched anyone who had the fortune of meeting her. Our thoughts and prayers remain with her family.##imported-begin##Tara & Chuck Gardner##imported-end##

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“ Whitney was a good friend to me over the time we spent together helping Bassets. While the hounds drew us together, they are not what made us friends. Whitney was so kind, you couldn't help but wanting to be her friend. I was fortunate to have her in my life. She will be missed dearly. The picture of her is just beautiful, I saw those eyes smile many times. Bill, we have you, Sully and Boo in our thoughts and prayers. Many hugs. wen###imported-begin###Wendie Prince###imported-end##

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“ My heart goes out to Bill and to Whitney's family. I had the honor and privilege of working with Whitney from the time she started with the Court, and it truly was an honor and a privilege. She was one of the most unfailingly pleasant, hard-working and professional co-workers with whom I've had the pleasure to serve. As she confronted her illness, she was an example of courage, strength and determination. In short, she was an inspiration to me and to many others. I will carry her memory in my heart.###imported-begin###Steve Branyon###imported-end##

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“ Whitney was such a funny, witty and intelligent person who I am proud to have known. We had a lot of fun at work and shared some great times. I appreciated her being there for me when my friend Rita passed away recently. Whitney was one of a kind. My thoughts and prayers are with you and her Bassett Hounds. - Cherie###imported-begin###Cherie Krause###imported-end##

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“ Whitney had her own unique sense of humor that could always get me laughing. Often when I was having a bad day, she would come out with something totally off the wall that would make me feel better. She was a very special woman and I will miss her always.##imported-begin##Alycia Marshall##imported-end##

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Whitney at the Federal Court in Orlando. She was such a sweet person and you have my deepest sympathy on her passing. Whitney and I had a bassett connection through my sister who also has several bassett children. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Gloria Schafer##imported-end##

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“ Bill, What a perfect photo - it shows her beauty inside and out. Elizabeth##imported-begin##Elizabeth Warren##imported-end##

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