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[Larry Dennis Whitely Obituary \(2025\) - Beaver Dam, KY - Bevil Bros. Funeral Home - Beaver Dam](#)

C Company Larry Dennis Whitely 78, of Olaton, KY, passed away peacefully at his home on February 12th, 2025 surrounded by his family. Born on December 25th, 1946 in Olaton. He was married to the love of his life, Patricia Faye Whitely, for 57 years before his passing.



[Mr. Bobby Gene Scruggs - Navy Seabee Foundation](#)

On June 27, 2021, Bobby Gene Scruggs passed away peacefully following a brief illness.

Bobby left a proud legacy of strength, hard work, and dedication. During the Vietnam War, he served his country as a Navy Seabee.



He later obtained an associate degree in automotive technology and worked as a diesel mechanic in the coal mines for 25 years. Bobby spent his spare time doing what he loved the most- working on old cars. He enjoyed restoring classic cars.



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Michael T.	Fennema
Larry A.	Weber
Leslie R.	Wiener
Robert	Kanar
L.V. (Jake)	Mason
Kevin	Kelly
Victor M.	Colon-Ortiz
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Gary L.	Allison
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Anthony J.	Masse
Conrad H.	Berg
John J.	Panagos
Lester R.	Headley
Richard A.	Backlund

Larry	Gullickson
Dominic J.	Moauro
Norman L.	Feldman
J. Dale	Willard
Ronald W.	Finks
Allan E.	Neuenfeldt
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Arnold C.	Hayes
Benjamin	Glynn
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Gregory B.	Bernard
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John E.	Boyer, Jr.
Bruce F.	Owens
William D.	Leppert
Charles W.	Gohmert

Francis N.	Guyette
Norman	Johnson
Carl N.	Adler
Marcus D.	Case
Gordon J.	Tyler
Dennis D.	Meixsell
Edward A.	Swiski, Jr.
Lawrence L.	Lamb
Vincent	Bavaro
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Clement A.	Michaud
H. Bert	Noles
William R.	Ward
Robert E.	Neal
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Archie D.	Byers
Gale V.	Pinkston
Terry L.	Shaffer
Chuck M.	Reynolds, Jr.
Marlin D.	Brinkley
Kenneth A.	Bernier
Robert N.	Erbeck
William L.	Thompson
Edward C.	Florian
William L.	Adams
James A.	Pszenny
Paul M.	Weber
James E.	Hyland

The fantastic Leavenworth reunion was a good time had by all. The scheduled itinerary allowed time to visit downtown Leavenworth. Downtown Leavenworth has lots of small businesses and made for unique opportunities in browsing and shopping. The hotel had a free breakfast every morning providing the opportunity to get together before beginning our passage to the days adventures.

The hospitality room was available throughout the reunion, when we are not on scheduled events. The hotel's Hospitality Room was beyond our expectations with plenty of room for visiting, playing games and snacking. The focal point of this snacking was the Grazing Table that was arranged and heavily stocked by our granddaughter Bailee Scheer. By all accounts, the Grazing Table was a hit with all that took part in its varied appetizers.

DAY 1 -- Wednesday, April 30th: Checked into the Hotel and Registered for the Reunion.

DAY 2 – Thursday, May 1st: We loaded the bus for our trip to Kansas City where we toured the World War I Museum the Steamboat Arabia Museum. This latter museum told the story of a Missouri River steamboat that sank and then was uncovered decades later in a field after the river had shifted. Both museums were very interesting and entertaining.

DAY 3 – Friday, May 2nd: We departed the hotel for a special guided tour of Fort Leavenworth. This is the oldest active military post west of the Mississippi River. We had a special guided tour for our stops at the Buffalo Soldier Monument, the Frontier Army Museum, Memorial Chapel and more. This tour did include a drive by of numerous historic homes and buildings and through the National Cemetery that was established by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862. It is one of the first 14 national cemeteries and is the final resting place for 23,000 veterans from every war since 1812. We stopped at the Solarium Buffet at the Frontier Conference Center for lunch.

Following lunch, we traveled to the Command and General Staff College (CGSC). Since its inception in 1881 the CGSC has evolved to meet the educational and operational needs of the United States Army. The Command and General Staff College is a subordinate organization of the Army University. Both commands are stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

We met at the Heritage Center for dinner. Our special guests were Steve Woelk and Robert Lofthouse. Steve was aboard the USS Pueblo when it was attacked and captured by the North Korean navy on January 23, 1968.

DAY 4 – Saturday, May 3rd: Our regularly scheduled Business meeting was held in the Hospitality room. New Officers were elected, and important issues were discussed.

While we Seabees attended to the Associations business the Ladies availed themselves of various shops, stores, and the Farmers Market. There was locally grown produce, baked goods, cheeses, cookies and much more.

In the early evening, we met at the Riverfront Community Center for our Banquet. Our Special guest speaker was Major General (Retired) Robert P. Walters, Jr. General Walters told us about his involvement in the capture and killing of Osama Bin Laden on May 2, 2011.

Thank you for allowing Linda and me to host this Reunion. From the comments we received everyone was impressed with the Hotel's accommodations, the tour bus, the museums and Fort tours. I am proud to report that the Grazing Table garnered much praise for its uniqueness and delicious offerings. It was granddaughter's idea, and all praise should go to her for her efforts.

Day 5 -----Sunday, May 4th: With few exceptions most of the party departed for their homes until we meet again.

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