



Mr. Alan Whitten

May 15, 1952 - February 6, 2026

Alan Kenneth Whitten of Laneville passed on February 6, 2026, at his home-away-from-home in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, after a long illness. He was born to Mays Kenneth and Mary Jim Whitten on May 15, 1952. Though a Rusk County resident for most of his life, Alan was a world traveler. He enjoyed regaling family and friends with tales of his backpacking journeys through Europe, the United States, Israel, and Mexico (and the personal and political philosophies developed thereof). A graduate of Kilgore High School, he earned a degree in Psychology and English from SFA, but made the decision to spend his life working in the field of agriculture. He worked closely over the years with Ronnie and Nowell Borders of Borders Melon Co., and partnered with Kurt Denney in D&W Regeneration. Despite his extensive travel, his home always remained on the family farm in Laneville, and his schedule included frequent phone calls to touch base with his wife Marina, and children, Zachary and Lorna. Annual family trips to Mexico, as well as road trips that sometimes included his brother Nathan, along with the many miles he traveled for work, led to identification with, "I was a highwayman, along the coach roads I did ride.... I am still around, I'll always be around."

Alan was preceded in death by his parents, Mays Kenneth and Mary Jim Gallaway Whitten; his brother, Nathan Whitten; his mother-in-law, Matilde Bahena Cardenas; his father-in-law, Fidencio Cardenas Montero; and his nephew, Carlos Samano Cardenas. He is survived by his wife, Marina

Whitten; son, Zachary Whitten; daughter, Lorna Whitten; sister, Rosemary Whitten; niece, Johanna Whitten; sisters-in-law, Petra Cardenas Flores and her husband Lencho and their children Armando, Karina, and Mariela; Maria Elena Cardenas and her children Martha, Abel, Marcos, Lidia, Raquel, and Paloma; and Rosa Marina Cardenas and her daughters Judith and Mariana; brother-in-law, Raul Cardenas and his wife Zulema; and numerous cousins and extended family.

A velorio funerario (wake) was held in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico on February 6, 2026. A family memorial will be scheduled in Laneville at a later date. Donations of remembrance may be made to Laneville Cemetery, 13222 FM 225 S. Laneville, Texas 75667.

Cemetery Details

Laneville Cemetery

13189 FM 225 S
Laneville, TX 75667

Tribute Wall

RW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rosemary Whitten - March 20 at 05:38 PM

RW

“ 1 file added to the album Alan Whitten pictures



Rosemary Whitten - March 18 at 04:05 PM

RW

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Rosemary Whitten - March 18 at 04:03 PM

TB

“ *May his memory be a blessing.*



Theresa Bilek - February 26 at 02:27 PM

JW

“ *John Dewayne Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alan Whitten*



john dewayne walker - February 24 at 06:31 PM

PA

“ *Patricia Akin lit a candle in memory of Alan Whitten*



Patricia Akin - February 24 at 12:14 PM

RW

Thanks Patty. We have many family memories together. R

Rosemary Whitten - February 24 at 06:18 PM

SH

“ Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Alan Whitten



Sue Henderson - February 23 at 12:41 PM

RW

Thank you Sue.

Rosemary Whitten - February 24 at 06:18 PM

SR

“ Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Alan Whitten



Suzanne Reed - February 23 at 09:37 AM

RW

Thanks Suzanne. Lots of family memories. R

Rosemary Whitten - February 24 at 06:17 PM

AH

“ Praying for the family for peace and comfort during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss.



Amy Hudson - February 23 at 08:16 AM

RW

Thanks Amy. I'm sorry you didn't have a chance to get to know him. R

Rosemary Whitten - February 24 at 06:17 PM

SC

“ *Scott Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alan Whitten*



Scott Crawford - February 21 at 08:11 AM

RW

Thanks Scott.

Rosemary Whitten - February 24 at 06:16 PM

AC

“ *I remember getting up early and at the crack of dawn hoeing many acres of Watermelons in the Joy community with Alan. Alan was always an interesting, fun and kind guy to be around. My condolences and prayers for Rosemary and his family.*

Angie Clark - February 21 at 01:22 AM

RW

Thanks Angie. Lots of connections between Stills and Whittens.

Rosemary Whitten - February 24 at 06:17 PM