

The People (and Dog) Person

James Whisenant (ACAS 1994)

1948–2023

James Clifton Whisenant, known to many friends as “Whiz,” died in Houston at the age of 74. He died in peace with the comfort and love of his family. He was a graduate of Lamar High School and earned his undergraduate degree in 1972 from Rice University. He continued his education attending the University of Houston, earning a post-graduate degree. The degrees earned were in the fields of math and science. One of his professors, Mac, would become his future employer and lifelong friend. His work was his primary passion, but he enjoyed playing music, discussing science and investments, and playing poker with his friends. He would often chat up the guys at the Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply in Cat Spring, Texas. He delighted in sharing food and wine with friends and family, and he cherished conversations with his stepdaughter Dana. He is preceded in death by his parents, James Lamar Whisenant and Margaret Box Whisenant; and his canine family, Chili, Lucy, Roux and Sacha. He is survived by Brenda Whisenant, his wife; Dana and Ben Bucci, his stepdaughter and son-in-law; Jazz, his best canine friend; and Sous, Dobby and Willis, his “grand puppies.”