



## Grant Owen Weythman

April 24, 1970 - August 29, 2019

Grant Owen Weythman, 49 of Evansville, passed away as the result of a plane crash on Thursday, August 29, 2019 in St. Ignatius, Montana while on a mission trip.

Grant was born April 24, 1970 in Baker, Oregon. He spent his high school years in Papua New Guinea where his parents were missionaries. Grant was a veteran of the United States Army where he served in the Gulf War as a tank mechanic and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He worked for Safran Helicopter Engines; as well as owning and operating Hepler Airport and Weythman Aviation and was a member of the AOPA. He called himself a helicopter mechanic, but could master anything aviation related. He also enjoyed woodworking, metal working, fishing, hunting and traveling. Although he was transplanted in Indiana, his love for the mountains never stopped.

Surviving Grant are his wife of 18 years, Sabrina Weythman; daughter Piper Weythman; and three step children; Nik (Katie) Boren, Zane Boren, and Bryn (Brett) Dant; his parents, Gary and Geraldine (Blomgren), two brothers, Kirby (Katie) Weythman and Thane Weythman; two sisters; Joanne ( Brian Blank) Butler, and Peggy Weythman Doyle; six grandchildren; Chandler, Brigham, Bryten, Charlotte, Max and Bryer, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday, September 6, at Pierre Funeral Home, 2301 W. Franklin Street. There will be a graveside service held at 10:00 AM Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Locust Hill Cemetery, Pastor Jerry Clark officiating. The Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

There will be a celebration of Grant's life held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at First Christian Church, 2845 Beaumont Drive, Evansville, IN 47725. Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 PM until the time of the service Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pinehaven Children's Ranch, PO Box 240 St Ignatius, Mt. 59865.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

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## Locust Hill Cemetery

3800 Kratzville Road  
Evansville, IN,

# Events

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**SEP 6** Visitation 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street, Evansville, IN, US

**SEP 7** Visitation 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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First Christian Church  
2845 Beaumont Drive, Evansville, IN, US, 47725

**SEP 7** Celebration of Life 03:00PM

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First Christian Church  
2845 Beaumont Drive, Evansville, IN, US, 47725

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Pierre Funeral Home** - September 05 at 12:46 PM

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“ Dear Sabrina and Weythman family,

Please accept our deep, sincere condolences of the three Hepler brothers, Bill, Steve and Mike and our entire family. We admire Grant and all his life accomplishments, and he truly filled his time doing God's work in so many ways. We have always been so happy and proud to see Grant operate and improve the Hepler Airport next to our family farm. As neighbors, Grant was always considered our friend. He always greeted us as welcome visitors at his hangar, and we spent many memorable hours around that property chatting, catching up. Some were even lucky enough for an airplane ride.

Grant did great works in quiet, small steps that many overlooked. The Hepler family has contributed to the Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch as you have requested, and hope this small token of our admiration of Grant will help someone in need.

Very Sincerely,  
The Hepler Brothers and family.

**Michael Hepler** - September 12 at 06:30 PM

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“ I have known Grant for several years. He was always willing to help and provide the answers we needed. We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Grant. Our hearts go out to Grant's family, May God be with you and comfort you in this time of sorrow.

**Cory Camps** - September 10 at 09:20 AM

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“ I knew Grant for about 15 years through the helicopter world and a guy like him has been few and far between in my career. I will miss him a lot for not only his extremely reliable expertise and knowledge, but mostly for the way he would just call once in a while and we would just chat on a personal level. He was a genuinely nice man that

always made the extra time to connect. My thoughts and prayers are with him, his family and his friends during this very difficult time. Rest in Peace, Grant.

**Chris Blackwell** - September 09 at 09:52 AM

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“ Although I only knew Grant professionally, when I picked up the phone and it was Grant on the line, I knew my day would be brighter. Even under very stressful situations, Grant was always calm, kind, patient and willing to teach me, even if I didn't really need to know. I am honored and blessed to have worked with Grant for many years. My sincerest and heartfelt condolences to Grant's family and friends. May God wrap his loving arms around you as you find your way.

**Brie Casey** - September 08 at 12:26 AM

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“ I wish to pass on my condolences! Grant and I enjoyed many a great dive together off the coast of Madang. In fact I was about to look for a picture of us 2 standing feeling really tough in our diving garb on a beach, when it popped up on the memory video.

Sorry for your loss, even though we haven't had contact since 86 I have fond memories of our times together. Yours sincerely, Philip Ireland (Pom)

**Philip Ireland** - September 07 at 02:49 PM

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“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Grant Owen Weythman.



September 07 at 01:39 AM

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“ I met Grant in 2008, when Flight for Life got their 2 EC 145's. Grant was always there for us. We would tell him our engine problem and he would have the answer. We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Grant. Our hearts go out to Grant's family, May God be with you and comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Les Love - Flight for Life



“ Eagle Helicopters, Inc purchased the With Distinction for the family of Grant Owen Weythman.



Eagle Helicopters, Inc - September 06 at 03:45 PM

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“ To Sabrina, Piper and the whole family-

I had the privilege of working with Grant as a fellow Safran rep. He was a true aviation craftsman that I could look to for help and advice even though I am more than a decade older. Grant was “all in” no matter what he was doing - a real inspiration. Most importantly he was a man of faith - the kind that made him roll up his sleeves and get involved to serve others in the name of Jesus. I'll miss him!

We pray for God's comfort and peace to surround you now and in the days ahead.

Tom and Sarah Pfeiffer  
Denver, PA

Thomas Pfeiffer - September 06 at 01:24 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grant Owen Weythman.



September 06 at 12:03 PM

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“ Grant was great man. Always one to find the answers and he did it with a smile and a sense of humor that made working with him a joy. He will be greatly missed.

Dan Rhoades - Mayo Clinic

Dan Rhoades - September 06 at 11:13 AM

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“ Grant gave us so much knowledge and support over the years. He was always such huge help in keeping our helicopters flying safely. He showed a great amount of care for everyone personally and professionally. I appreciate the time we were able to spend with him. Prayers for and condolences to all of his loved ones.

Josh Powell - September 06 at 08:38 AM

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“ David Stark & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Grant Owen Weythman.



Dave Stark - September 05 at 07:44 PM

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“ Always patient, knowledgeable, & friendly. Grant will be missed. I've known him for years, he's helped me many times. I wish i could have known him better.

Dave Stark - September 05 at 07:34 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Grant Owen Weythman.



September 05 at 04:23 PM

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“ Sabrina and Piper, Please accept our most sincere condolences from the Hubbell family.  
Grant, Until we meet again my friend. May God bless you in Heaven. Thank you for all of the good times on earth.



“ Grant was a great guy, and a big help to us when we operated a helicopter for a few years. I'm heartbroken to hear about his passing. I'll be praying for you as you mourn his loss, and all of us at Flightstar wish to express our deepest condolences.

Bill Schmidt, The Flightstar Corporation

Bill Schmidt - September 05 at 03:08 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grant Owen Weythman.



September 05 at 02:57 PM

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“ Grant was always willing to share his wealth of knowledge with all of us in the field. He was very much appreciated and will be greatly missed.

Blue skies and tail winds.

Nick Seay - September 05 at 12:35 PM

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“ 88 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - September 05 at 12:31 PM

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“ Grant was an example for all to follow. His wisdom, humor and genuine personality made him fun to be around. I always learned something from him. His patience and easy going nature was comforting to all. He will be missed dearly by all that knew him. RIP my friend.

My deepest sympathies to the family of Grant

Pete Soderlund Airbus Helicopters

**Peter Soderlund** - September 05 at 11:11 AM

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“ I met Grant about 10 years ago and I really enjoyed our time troubleshooting various Engine issues over the phone & we always had a great time when he visited the Eau Claire base.  
His humor, kindness & knowledge will be greatly missed.

Greg Socwell

**Greg Socwell** - September 05 at 10:46 AM

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“ To the Weythman Family,  
From the entire maintenance team at the University of Michigan Survival Flight Program in Ann arbor MI we'd like to offer our sincerest condolences to you. Our buddy Grant was instrumental in training us here when we got the EC155 helicopter with the Safran engines installed in them. He would take all the time we needed to help us understand these engines and how to troubleshoot and inspect them effectively. His visits to us from time to time and his knowledge we would frequently rely on will be sorely missed and we wish your family all the best. Again we are truly sorry for your loss..

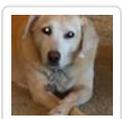
Sincerely,

Michael Williams - Lead Technician - and the rest of my team here at UM.



**Michael Williams** - September 05 at 10:44 AM

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“ I met Grant in 2004 while working for Era at the Fourchon base. He had a easy going style that made things smooth no matter how hard they seemed to be. Grant was one of the smartest wrenches I ever knew and he was always willing to pass on his expertise. Grant took care of his crew just like they were his family. During a hurricane evacuation I couldn't get transportation out of NOLA airport. Somehow Grant got a helicopter diverted to the airport and got me to a safer base. Hearing of

Grants passing hurts very deep. He will be missed very much. May you rest in peace my friend.



**Marko Davis** - September 05 at 10:41 AM

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“ 15 years ago he was my lead and a good one indeed. Very good man. Ben Hulshoff

**Ben Hulshoff** - September 05 at 10:30 AM

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“ Grant was a great person and friend. I worked with Grant for the past 15 years, he was always good for a laugh and great advice. I will miss him. We both worked and loved the West and enjoyed sharing experiences of hunting, fishing, shooting and working . Gone to soon.

**David Crim** - September 05 at 10:04 AM

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“ Grant was a good man and a good friend. He was always willing and able to help with any engine issues. His expertise was invaluable to keeping our crews flying safely and being ready to help those who needed care.  
Mostly, I considered Grant a friend. I'll miss the conversations we had when engines weren't broken and we discussed other things like his airport, sawmill, farming, and life in general.  
My deepest condolences. He is unfairly gone way too soon.

**John Eichel - West Michigan Air Care** - September 05 at 09:55 AM

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“ Grant will be HUGELY missed! As others have said, his knowledge of aviation maintenance in general, but in the world of Safran Helicopter engines especially, was invaluable. He never hesitated to share that knowledge either. He was a true customer advocate, not solely a company representative. There wasn't a time during any phone call for help, or site visit from him, that you didn't feel like he had all the time in the world for you.  
Grant didn't talk about his faith, but a person could easily sense he was a man of faith. Looking to Isaiah 55:8, I don't pretend to understand why Grant was called

home so early or in this way. I know I'll miss him. I know someday, when the Lord calls me home, I'll see him again.

May God bless you, Weythman family.

Joe Grosky  
Sanford Health AirMed

Joe Grosky - September 05 at 09:14 AM

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“ I met Grant many years ago and have considered him a friend ever since. He was always willing and eager to help with whatever problem you brought to him. He will truly be missed.  
Clete Morganthall

Clete Morganthall - September 05 at 08:57 AM

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“ Although I had met Grant when he was in Texas, I was fortunate to work with him and really get to know him at OshKosh this year. He was very happy to help guide us at the show but more importantly become part of our team. His passion for aviation was contagious! Everyone we met who knew him told us how fortunate we were to have him on our team. He embraced us as friends and made sure we were included in his aviation family.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
My most heartfelt condolences.

Norma Lantz - September 04 at 10:52 PM

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“ Sabrina,  
Words cannot express, how sorry we are for the loss of Grant! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family in this time of need.  
Ron and Donna Miller.



Ron and Donna Miller - September 04 at 08:24 PM



“ Rest In Peace my Brother!

Dave Palmer  
Airbus

Dave Palmer - September 04 at 06:59 PM

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“ Sabrina & Piper -

Although Grant had a passion for all things aviation, I truly hope you know he was first a man of God, and a very proud father and husband. Piper, you were his girl...the sparkle in his eyes. Sabrina, I'll never forget when Grant & I met up in Fourchon years ago and he told me all about you, his new wife.....he was a happy man.

Grant -

We have some history together, my friend. Never a better person to work alongside than you. I don't think I know a more capable individual.....there was nothing you couldn't repair or build. You had impeccable craftsmanship. You kept me grounded and held me accountable in life.....true friends do that. I am a better man because you were in my life.

I know where you are.....and I'll meet you there one day, my friend. Until then, I pray you have nothing but tailwinds and blue skies. I know you are looking down on us.

Rest easy, my friend.....rest easy.

Chris Woosley  
Safran Helicopter Engines  
Newburgh, IN

Chris Woosley - September 04 at 06:09 PM

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“ I have worked with Grant for the past 11 years. His kindness and sense of humor is something I always appreciated. He will be missed deeply within our company and in the aviation field. The love he had for his family was always so prevalent in our conversations, whether it was on the phone or face to face. My sincere condolences to his family. May God wrap you in His arms and bring you peace and comfort today and in the days ahead.

Reagan Landers - Safran - September 04 at 06:08 PM



“ Only had the pleasure of working with Grant a few times but he always made me feel good about what was at task, He always answered his phone when I called and was very eager to help with my problems. My only regret is that I wasn't able to work with him more. He will surely be missed by anyone who ever worked with him. he will be missed by everyone who knew him. RIP Grant  
Steve Eccles- Mayo Medical Transport

Steve Eccles - September 04 at 04:08 PM

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“ There are few people that walk into your life and become a friend like Grant was. He stood out as a caring soul as soon as he was in your presence. I have known Grant for years our friendship went beyond the aviation world and we loved to catch up in person or by phone, of stories about travels out west. Idaho and Montana were our common ground to strike up a conversation. I will truly miss his friendship and smile and a voice of reason when needed.  
Grant, may you have good winds and great skies, and I know you will always be looking over us from above. I'll miss you my Friend. -- Jeff Becker

Jeff Becker - September 04 at 04:04 PM

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“ No matter how far he had travelled or how long he had been traveling, Grant always arrived smiling, lots of energy and always time for beer and stories. I rarely left him a voicemail because he always answered the phone. Rest In Peace Grant- Jim Freeman

jim freeman - September 04 at 03:56 PM

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“ Grant was a wonderful human being. He enlightened our lives and will always be alive in our hearts and memories. My condolences.

Rob Koslowski- Sanford AirMed

Rob Koslowski - September 04 at 03:04 PM

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“ Grant was a friend and an essential part of our HEMS operation. When we upgraded our fleet of helicopters Grant helped us get to know the Arriel 1E2 engines until we were comfortable on our own. He always made himself available when we needed his support. Grant had a great sense of humor and enjoyed his work. From all of us at OSF Aviation we are sorry for your loss. Grant will be missed.

Bill Osborn- OSF Aviation

William Osborn - September 04 at 02:06 PM

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“ Although I did not know Grant outside of work, I do know that he was always very helpful, nice, and laid back. He was always willing to help and give advise, easily accepted because of who he was.

I am deeply saddened and sorry for your loss. I pray for Grant's soul and that God's abundant mercy be upon your family during your time of sorrow.

Mike Borsellino - PAE QA Inspector

Mike Borsellino - September 04 at 01:28 PM

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“ Grant was a man to be admired. He was incredibly knowledgeable, an excellent teacher, and had a great sense of humor. I enjoyed the times I was able to work directly with him and am forever grateful for the times I was able to call and seek his advice. He will be missed not only by his loved ones and friends, but by this industry he was such an integral part of.

While I struggle at times to understand God's methods, I always trust in His wisdom and grace. I pray that He provides the strength and comfort you need not only today but always, until it is our time to be called home.”

Dave Conley - Helicopter Specialties

Dave Conley - September 04 at 12:15 PM

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“ Grant, was good man. He was giving person always will to help us at Metro, Omniflight and Life Line. He was so instrumental with our operation. More importantly was the way he felt about family and friends. He will be certainly missed by all that knew him. My Heart goes out to you for such a lost.

ken justice - September 04 at 11:44 AM

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“ You will not find a better man. Grant was invaluable to me over the years, ALWAYS ready to help. I considered him a friend. A monumental loss to the aviation community. Never to be forgotten...

My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Mike Fenwick

Mike Fenwick - September 04 at 11:33 AM

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“ I am so sorry for the loss of Grant and what a loss it is. He was an absolute treasure both personally and professionally. I hope his family finds some comfort in the impact he made on everyone he met. I will miss my friend and his smile.

My deepest sympathies to Grant's family.

Nancy Barber - Helicopter Specialties

Nancy Barber - September 04 at 10:40 AM

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“ I've only known Grant for about 14 years now but it didn't take me 2 minutes to know that he was a good guy. He was always there to help me when I was stuck with a problem and he was always caring enough to follow up to see how I was doing and that I had it fixed. Some people would say that it was just his job and that's what he was supposed to do. I've met enough people in my career that just did their job to know the difference. He loved his job and he was great at it. He will be missed by all.  
Terry L Peed

TerryPeed - September 04 at 10:40 AM

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“ Here at the University of Wisconsin - MEDFLIGHT program we were so saddened to learn of Grants passing. Not only was he an amazing technical asset within the aviation community, but an all around great guy to talk all things non aviation as well. He will be greatly missed by our team and more importantly as a friend.

My deepest condolences to the family of Grant.

Matt Oliver (UW MEDFLIGHT)

Matt Oliver - September 04 at 10:29 AM

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“ Grant left this earth far too soon, my condolences to his family.

Grant was a good friend and industry co-worker. I could always count on his support for our mutual customers. The void he leaves behind will be felt forever. His expertise and attention to detail were unsurpassed. Many helicopters are flying today because of his healing hands.

May God's grace shin upon him, as Grant gains altitude and climbs to heaven. Rest in Peace.

JD

**JD - Airbus** - September 04 at 09:54 AM

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“ So sorry for the loss of Grant. I will always remember he had a smile on his face! Prayers of comfort and peace for Sabrina and the rest of the family.

Tandi Howard

**Tandi N Chad Howard** - September 04 at 09:39 AM

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“ From the Lutheran Air/Air Methods team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Grant Owen Weythman.



**From the Lutheran Air/Air Methods team** - September 04 at 08:30 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies and condolences.  
Brad Alley

**Brad Alley** - September 03 at 06:35 PM

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“ Betty Scarbrough lit a candle in memory of Grant Owen Weythman



**Betty Scarbrough** - September 03 at 06:28 PM

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“ Still in shock and so sorry for your loss! Grant was one of those rare people who could always make a bad situation better, in life or in a mechanical breakdown. Grant's work undoubtedly has saved the lives of many a pilot, with his attention to detail and workmanship. So hard to imagine God's purpose but someday we will know! Looking forward towards seeing Grant's smile again when it's my turn for my last base turn to final!

Scott H

**Scott Herschelman** - September 03 at 04:46 PM

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“ Rich Fullmer, Friend and co-worker. purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Grant Owen Weythman.



**Rich Fullmer, Friend and co-worker.** - September 03 at 01:33 PM