



## Lewis Elwood Whikehart

February 7, 1921 - January 15, 2013

Lewis Elwood Whikehart age 91 of Bloomington passed away Tuesday January 15, 2013 at Indiana University Health Hospice House. He was born in East Palestine, Ohio on February 7, 1921 to Lewis Edgar and Ada Aldora Whikehart.

Lewis spent his professional career as a college music and choir director. He held positions at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington, Illinois, the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio and Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. During his teaching and conducting career he prepared and directed over one thousand concerts at home and on tour in the United States and Europe.

Lewis is survived by son Dave and Tyler Whikehart, daughters Jocelyn and Paula Whikehart. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Service will be held for Lewis on Friday January 18, 2013 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 at 1:00PM. Friends may call at the funeral home from 12:30 until the time of the service at 1:00PM on Friday .

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).



# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Dr. Whikehart will be missed. He accompanied me many times during performances and juries while at Capital University. I was a member of Chapel Choir, and toured Europe as a Tenor soloist during the year his daughter Paula toured with us. I had heard of his second wife's passing while in Florida..., but never knew any of the details.

*His life was full of passions. Passion for his music and passion for life. An accomplished pianist with perfect pitch, and a good Choral director too.*

*I wonder what ever happened to his violinist daughter Paula?*

*Dennis Wellman*

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**Dennis Wellman** - December 24, 2023 at 08:44 PM

LS

“ I am saddened to learn of Dr. Whikehart's passing. I was privileged to be in Capital University's Chapel Choir (1974-75). Dr. Whikehart was a wonderful director. He was very patient, and had high expectations about our learning the music and blending well together. His guidance and encouragement validated my abilities, and I continue to sing in community choirs to this day. Lisa (Martin) Seymour

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**Lisa Seymour** - September 08, 2019 at 10:39 PM

JO

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Forty years ago, I performed in his Chamber Choir and Festival Chorus(The Capital University Summer Festival of 1972.)I still remember his cheerful and patient manner; he was a wonderful Director. I retain with pride the album we produced that year. Once again, sorry to hear he has passed, and my sincere condolences.

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**John Waber** - October 26, 2015 at 04:13 PM

LA

“ I am saddened to learn of my uncle's passing. I had great respect for my uncle Lou, as I am a musician as well. I helped him, several years ago to remaster part of his recordings that were on LPs. I would like to make these remastering a available to any family members who would like a copy. I can send MP3s , AIF files or a CD if they prefer. The Album is titled " Love Came Down at Christmas". I know his arrangements are well known in many circles. My family, when I was young, had visited my uncle's family. I confess , I don't remember much, but I did meet his children. And to you , I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My wife , Julie, and I will be praying for you and for Tyler too. I will share a quick story about your father that has been special to us Coyles. When I was helping him remaster his music, he asked me what interests my children had. At the time, they were all about the Harry Potter craze. The next thing I knew, there arrived a package at our house with a book of spells for my daughter to entice someone with love potions and whatnot. We were a little surprised, but we thought that was great. I thought you might enjoy the story. Lance Coyle

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My best memories of attending Illinois Wesleyan University for two years were of singing with the Collegiate Choir that Dr. Whikehart directed. He was able to create the most beautiful sounds with our voices. I later acquired a record of "Love Came Down at Christmas," which I treasure but can no longer play, as I don't have access to a record player. If a CD is still available, I would happily pay for several. If it is, please contact me at [jrobertson4@hotmail.com](mailto:jrobertson4@hotmail.com)

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Joan Robertson - December 17, 2020 at 02:52 PM

DE

“ *From all the drivers and dispatchers at BTAccess we are saddened to hear of your fathers passing. He and Tyler have been long time clients of ours and all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Desta Ricketts** - October 26, 2015 at 04:13 PM