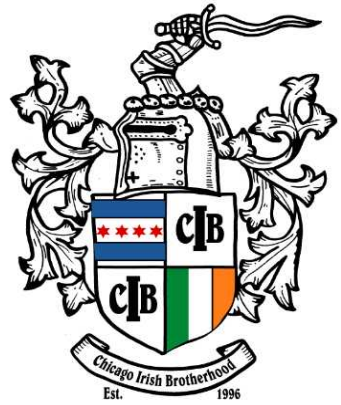


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Goodbye “Old Tim”, Our Friend

Tim Whalen would ask Ber, Emily, Sally, Kara, Elaine and so many of the other ladies who served him Rolling Rock beer for their car keys whenever there was a snow storm while they were working.

He would brave the cold, clean off their windows and warm up their cars so they could leave in comfort.

That was Tim Whalen, a retired Army veteran and member of the C.I.B. Board of Directors who passed away Sunday, July 15 at the far too young age of 46.

“Old Tim” as he often called himself was a gentleman soldier and friend that will be missed by many from Berwyn to Bosnia.

Our own Johnny O’Halloran, a supremely dedicated Berwyn Police Officer and C.I.B. member, was the one called to the Whalen home in the early hours of that fateful Sunday morning.

He found Gertrude Whalen, Tim’s mom, obviously saddened but proud to speak of her son “Timmy.”

Tim Whalen served his country with great honor in the U.S. Army for over twenty years including a tour of duty in a peace keeping mission in Bosnia, Herzegovina.

Tim Whalen was a rare man in today’s world. He took care of his ailing mother, dedicated his life to our country and made everyone around him a better person.

He will be missed, guaranteed, but more importantly, he will never be forgotten. His legacy will be his loyalty to family, friends and country and a whole lot more.

One of his traits that will make his friends smile when they remember him is chocolate.

Tim Whalen delivered more Flake Bars and Cadbury chocolate than the Easter Bunny and St. Valentine’s Day delivery man combined. He loved taking care of his girls, including his mom, who shared his sweet tooth. Mrs. Whalen spoke of how Tim monitored her candy intake for health reasons,

always making sure she didn’t have too much.

Tim’s impact on the C.I.B. was extremely important to our organization. He was one of the initial planners of the first Youth Burn Camp Fundraiser that has now ran for six years and raised almost \$60,000 for the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

The military will give him a rifle volley salute and the great honor of a flag folding ceremony. The girls will weep and the men will fight back tears.

We will all raise a pint in honor of someone who was a quiet, unassuming man who loved to hear a good joke and lend an ear to a friend who needed to talk about a problem.

He was one of the “3 Amigos,” a band of nice guys who sent out Christmas cards to all their friends. This Christmas’ card haul will definitely be light.

Tim Whalen; the world, your country, your family and your friends salute you!!!!

