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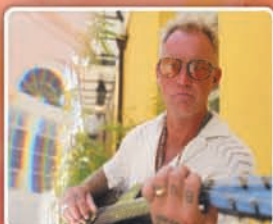
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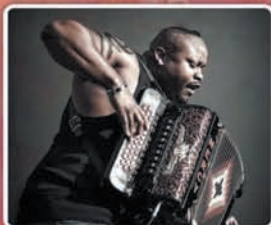
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Blues Partners - Sugar & Junior



The crowd at Robert Jr. Whitall's Life Celebration, Helm's Deep, Glen Arbor, MI 7/20/24. Front row: Bob-O Walsea, Peggy Brisbane, Jackie May, Peggy Owens, Rob Johnson, Suga, Shawn Ricker, Steven Cacossa, Rob Martin & Lissa Edwards. Back row: Capt. Dirk, Al Krueger, Tere Owens, Jim & Jesse Owens, Mike & Anita Griffin, Patrick Caragher, Al Knauber. Photo by Robert Barclay.

For 25 years I was a "blues partner" with my late husband, Robert Jr. Whitall, aka Junior, who established Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine almost 30 years ago. I met Junior over long phone conversations about the blues and writing an "On The Road" column for Big City Blues Magazine about the thriving Kansas City blues scene where I had two blues radio shows a week on KKFI 90.1 FM and also volunteered for other various blues activities. So, we had a lot of the same interests and our first date in Memphis was after the 1998 Handy's that lasted a few minutes because as soon as we sat down for a late brunch Junior received word that Junior's Juke Joint (Junior Kimbrough &

R.L. Burnside) near Holly Springs in Chulahoma, Mississippi (60 miles south of Memphis) was happening. He had to leave immediately and I knew if I went with him that I would probably not get back in time to catch my flight to Kansas
Thank you Blues On The Fox for celebrating Robert Jr. Whitall, Aurora, IL, 6/15/24.



Photo/Bob O Walsea)

City. Later that summer he brought me camping to the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore and I said, "What an upgrade from the Lake of the Ozarks!" After somehow successfully passing a sign language interview for the State of

Eric Gales & the late Robert Jr. Whitall, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, 5/5/2023



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Melvin Taylor, Chicago Blues Fest, June 8, 2024

Michigan assisting deaf customers with employment, I moved to **Detroit** on March 19, 1999. Today I'm living the dream in the Sleeping Bear Dunes by Lake Michigan that is like a vacation every day and it's not too far (4.5 hours) from Chicago or Detroit when I need a dose of a "Big City." And just down the road from our Helms Deep was and is our favorite restaurant—**La Becasse** and of course there is too many to name in New Orleans. The only thing missing here is you! Come visit, cool off and enjoy **Up North!**

I began an early June road

Kingfish, Sugar & Wayne Baker Brooks, Ramova Theatre, Chicago Blues Fest, 6/6/24



Photos/Shirley Mae Owens



Mzz Reese has comes to party! Chicago Blues Fest, 6/8/24

trip to the **Chicago Blues Fest** and the following weekend the **Blues On The Fox**. It was perfect weather for both festivals and thank you to everyone for your support and condolences. Of course, Chicago is intimidating but I managed to figure out my way around. I enjoyed the hospitality at the **Visit Mississippi Juke Joint Stage** where I met **Carlos Tortolero**, lead programmer of the Chicago Blues Fest. Congratulations to 88-year-old **Mr. Buddy Guy** who performed his "The Damn Right Farewell Tour" at the fest!

Big thanks to the huge sup-



David Glynn, Sugar & Jim Jarvis, Blues On The Fox, Aurora, IL 6/15/24

port at the **Blues On The Fox** in **Aurora, IL** for toasting and celebrating Junior with his photo on their jumbo screens! Thank you to **The Burdickville Boys, Bob O and Capt. Dirk** for performing at Junior's memorial and looking forward to more live music here soon. Speaking of live music - there's nothing better, it's everywhere—get out there and support it!

Take the high road, when you get to a crossroads - take it, may the river be with you, may the wind be at your back, surf's up, mahola, aloha and don't forget to boogie!

Hope, peace, love & Happiness

Best,
Shirley Mae aka Sugar Owens

Top 11 Songs on Junior's Jukebox

1. Tab Benoit - I Hear Thunder
2. Mike Zito - Life Is Hard!
3. The Fabulous Thunderbirds - Struck Down
3. Toronzo Cannon - Shut Up & Play!
4. Albert Castiglia - Righteous Souls
5. Sierra Green & The Giants - Here We Are
6. Cedric Burnside - Hill Country Love
7. James Andrews & The Crescent City Allstars
8. Rory Block - Positively 4th St.: A Tribute to Bob Dylan
9. Christopher Wyze & The Tellers - Stuck In The Mud
10. Corey Harris - Chicken Man
11. Big City Rhythm & Blues Magazine's #35 Got Mojo?

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