



Gary B. Winton

January 12, 1936 - February 18, 2022

Gary B. Winton, age 86, of Pierce City, MO passed away on Friday, February 18, 2022, at his home in Pierce City, MO. He was born in Joplin, MO on Sunday, January 12, 1936; the son of Elmer and Jewell (Elrod) Winton. Mr. Winton graduated from Monett High School in 1954; then attended Southwest Missouri State for a year and a half. Leaving college, he joined the Air Force and was stationed at Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, NH for four years. Mr. Winton married Freeda Wood on Friday, June 24, 1966, at the First United Methodist Church in Pierce City, MO. Mr. Winton worked for Marsh Engineering where he was trained in welding and blueprint reading. Later, he worked for Monett School District where he taught students welding skills and how to read blueprints.

Mr. Winton was an avid hunter and reader. He read all the time, most enjoying history and World War II books. He loved to tell stories of his time in the service with the Air Force. Mr. Winton trained his dog, Bullet, and together provided Military Security Guard services for bomber planes. Mr. Winton always loved dogs.

Mr. Winton was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Monett, MO. He very much enjoyed time spent with family and hours spent watching wildlife (deer and turkey) from his deck or sunroom.

Surviving are the following: his wife, Freeda of Pierce City, MO; two daughters, Melissa (Bruce) Gregory of Republic, MO and Michele (Michael) Riddle of Gardner, KS; four grandchildren, Shellsea, Lance, Lauren, and Gabriel; two step-grandchildren, Brandon and Paul; and two great-grandchildren, John and George. He will be missed by many other family members and friends.

Mr. Winton was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Jewell Winton, and a brother, James Winton.

There will be no formal visitation. Friends may call at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Friday, February 25, 2022, from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

A celebration of Gary's life will be at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, February 26, 2022, beginning at 3:00 PM with Pastor Doug Gripka officiating. Burial, with full military honors, will follow at Pierce City Cemetery in Pierce City, MO. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
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Celebration of Life

FEB **26**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary B. Winton

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gary was my cousin and we spent many hours together growing up in Monett. I had not seen him for a long time. Our Fathers were brothers. HE had a good long life with his family that you will cherish those memories. Your family are in my prayers.

Carol Ann Winton Burlison - February 27, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ Freeda, Shell, and Missy; I'm so sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories with Gary. I will always remember how he called you "his favorite girls", his wicked sense of humor, and all the great stories he told. You and your families are in my prayers. Love you ! Sharon Rosewicz-Keck



Sharon Rosewicz-Keck - February 23, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ SO sorry for your loss.He always had a story to tell and made you smile.

Lisa Cameron - February 23, 2022 at 10:35 AM

FM

“ I just learned of Gary’s passing and wish to express to you my personal condolences. I was a class mate of Gary’s in the Monett H.S. Class of 1954. Before that Gary and I jointly represented the Monett Lion’s Club at the Missouri Boys State. We both initially attended SMS (now Missouri State U.) and both of us dropped out, at different times and both of us enlisted in the Air Force for four year tours of service. With that, our lives ceased being similar. Gary returned to the Monett area to stay; I have lived abroad and on both coasts of the U.S. and now live in San Rafael, CA. I saw Gary at several Class of ’54 Reunions and talked with him each time. I can say he was one of the “good guys” and I am sure will be greatly missed by his many friends.

With warmest regards,
Fritz (Bud) Moennighoff

Fritz (Bud) Moennighoff - February 22, 2022 at 08:38 AM

PO

“ We are so sorry for your loss, prayers for comfort.

Tim & Patty Osterloh

Patty Osterloh - February 21, 2022 at 04:48 PM

LM

“ Lee Ann Moore lit a candle in memory of Gary B. Winton



Lee Ann Moore - February 20, 2022 at 02:14 PM

LM

“ *To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. Forever you will be in our hearts and with us. God Bless and be with the family in this difficult time. Love you Uncle Gary.*

Lee Ann and Danny.

Lee Ann Moore - February 20, 2022 at 12:47 PM

MR

Thank you so much Lee Ann. I love you more than you will ever know!

Michele Riddle - February 25, 2022 at 03:17 AM

LH

“ *Freed, Melissa, and Michele, Jan and I, are so sorry for your loss.*

LOWELL HADDOCK - February 20, 2022 at 11:56 AM

LH

“ *LOWELL HADDOCK lit a candle in memory of Gary B. Winton*



LOWELL HADDOCK - February 20, 2022 at 11:51 AM

CJ

“ *Sorry to hear this. Thinking of all of family.*

carroll ann betty jarvis - February 19, 2022 at 11:27 PM

CE

“ *I always admired Mr. Winton for his knowledge and how he treated us as students.*

Cody Epperly - February 19, 2022 at 08:16 PM