



Gary Winkler

June 1, 1940 - November 13, 2024

Gary F. Winkler, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on November 13, 2024.

Gary was born June 1, 1940, in Blaine, Kansas, the son of Francis and Bernice Winkler. He graduated from Blaine Rural High School in 1958 and later attended Clark's Business School and Washburn University. Gary married Ronda Wrosch on April 27, 1963, in Wheaton, Kansas and they enjoyed more than 61 years together.

Gary spent his entire career of over 40 years working for Credit Union 1 of Kansas, retiring as the President/CEO in 2000. He served in many industry and association roles throughout his career and was inducted into the Kansas Credit Union Hall of Fame in 2013. He also served in the US Army from 1961 to 1968, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Gary enjoyed fishing, hunting, travel tours and playing cards, but most of all loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. He also enjoyed sharing his time and talents in many volunteer capacities, including school parent-teacher organizations, Boy Scouts of America, Kansas Hunters Safety, The Capper Foundation, and the Mater Dei and Mother Teresa catholic parishes.

Grateful to have shared Gary's life are his wife, Ronda; sons Greg (Debbie) Winkler and Jeff (Rose) Winkler; and grandchildren, Brett Winkler, Matt Winkler (Storm Coy), and Ashley Winkler. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Maxine Winkler.

The family will host visitation at 10 am on Tuesday, November 19 at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS 66618 with a rosary at 10:45 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am at the church. A private family inurnment will occur at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

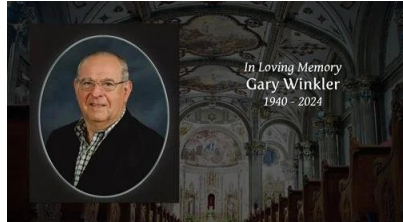
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Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Winkler



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 15, 2024 at 11:46 AM

RF

Gary was amazing, amazing father, grandfather and husband.

No surprise with his Hall of Fame award. He helped our son Camden win the Pine Wood Derby in cub scouts!

We will miss Gary greatly!

Rabito Family - November 15, 2024 at 05:53 PM

JC

What a better world this would be if we would aspire to be what Gary Winkler was. A kind, caring, giving person. What a pleasure to have know you as a friend. Love and sympathy to the Winkler family.

Jim Cates - November 17, 2024 at 10:31 PM

DB

Jeff, Rose and Family, we are so sorry to read about the passing of your dad and grandpa. Sending love, hugs and deepest condolences to all. May he Rest in Peace! Lloyd and Debbie Baumgartner

Debbie Baumgartner - November 19, 2024 at 06:00 PM

DP

“ Ronda, Greg, Jeff and family. I am sorry to hear of Gary's passing, it is was a very sad day. I still remember how he taught Dad and I trout fishing in Branson and how he gave me my favorite fishing pole for college graduation. He will be missed by MANY. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. David, Debbie, Cassidy and Tyson Parks.

David Parks - November 20, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Winkler.



November 18, 2024 at 05:00 PM

LE

“ Larry & April Eisenhauer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Winkler.



Larry & April Eisenhauer - November 18, 2024 at 02:45 PM

FC

“ From friends at Baldwin City purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Winkler.



From friends at Baldwin City - November 18, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Winkler.



November 18, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ Gary was my special cousin. We were both born in Blaine Kansas. Grew up just 5 miles apart. For the last seventeen months our apartments were just a few feet apart. Memories i will cherish are fresh fish after many of his fishing outings. Trips together to New Mexico, Arizona, Pagosa Springs, and Missouri Many day trips to Blaine.& dinners at McFarlands. His helping hand here at Arbor Court will be missed. He taught me to throw axes No one can steal my memories. Helen (Darlene)

Helen Walsh - November 17, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ Tom Allen and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary Winkler.



Tom Allen and Family - November 16, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ Tom Allen and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Winkler.

Tom Allen and Family - November 16, 2024 at 09:44 PM

RF

“ Ray Snoke and the Rabito Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Winkler.

Ray Snoke and the Rabito Family - November 16, 2024 at 04:47 PM

RF

“ Ray Snoke and the Rabito Family purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Gary Winkler.



Ray Snoke and the Rabito Family - November 16, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Winkler.

November 16, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gary Winkler.



November 16, 2024 at 01:54 PM

BT

“ Greg and the Winkler Family, I am sorry for your loss and you have my deepest sympathy. Gary a wonderful leader and mentor in the Credit Union movement, who I held deep respect for and with whom I shared a philosophical and leadership bond.

Bob Thurman - November 16, 2024 at 01:41 PM

RF

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Rabito Family - November 15, 2024 at 05:57 PM

BS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed helping Gary when he was in the clinic. He was such a sweet man. Hugs and prayers to you all. God Bless, Barb (Registrar, formerly at Cancer Center)



Barb Stearman - November 15, 2024 at 04:17 PM

HS

“ Sincere condolences to Mrs. Winkler and Family on the loss of Mr. Winkler. I always enjoyed seeing him.

Henry Spangler - November 15, 2024 at 10:44 AM