



George Bailey Wintjen

February 19, 1930 - February 26, 2018

George Bailey Wintjen, 88, recently of Yuma, AZ, and formerly of Greenport, NY, died peacefully on February 26, 2018 in Yuma. Born in Brooklyn, NY, on February 19, 1930 to the late Herman and Elizabeth (Saxton) Wintjen, George graduated from PS 193, James Madison High School (1948), and one year at Brooklyn College (1950). George served in the U.S. Army for two years as a Quartermaster Supply Sergeant in Korea during the Korean War. He earned the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, American Korean Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was transferred into the Army Reserves for 6 years after his honorable discharge in 1953.

George wrote for the Hi-Y newspaper, YMCA newspaper, and worked for a delicatessen during his high school years. He worked for six years for the National City Bank in Brooklyn, two years as a salesman for the Lustra Corporation, and thirty years for the New York Times. He moved from Brooklyn to North Merrick, NY for fifteen years, then to Clermont, NY in 1969, and then to Greenport, NY in 2004.

George enjoyed fishing, singing, gardening, writing religious poetry and songs, as well as traveling. He is a member of the American Legion, V.F.W., life member of the D.A.V., Greenport Historical Society, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and ministered with the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship

International for many years.

George was pre-deceased by his first wife of 39 years, Doris (Schlayer) Wintjen, and his second wife of 23 years, Florence (Wambach) Wintjen, a sister Dorothy (Wintjen) Kenneweg, one nephew William Kenneweg, and his step-son Rev. Lawrence Harms.

He is survived by his two daughters: Cheryl (Mike) Tanner of Zion, IL and Doreen (Jim) Conner of Yuma, AZ; two step-daughters: Maria Dowling of East Greenbush, NY and Catherine Harms of Lake City, FL; five grandchildren: Ross (Misty) Tanner, Ryan (Sara) Tanner, April (Matt) Vassau, Jonathan (Krysta) Tanner, Elizabeth Conner Springer; three step-grandsons: John, Peter, and Matthew Dowling; and ten great-grandchildren: Trey and Kalli Tanner; Sally, Tiffany, and Paul Tanner; Norah and Evan Vassau; Josiah, Isaac, and Levi Tanner.

Burial of George's ashes will be on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 10 a.m. in Mellenville Cemetery and 1 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Red Hook with Military Honors. A Memorial Service will be on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hudson with Pastor Jonathan Hodges officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 8 Storm Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534 in memory of George Wintjen. Arrangements are with Sacco-McDonald-Valenti Funeral Home, Hudson.

Previous Events

Burial

APR 20. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Mellenville Union Cemetery
769 NY Route 217
Mellenville, NY 12544

Burial

APR 20. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery
7412 Route 9
Red Hook, NY 12571

Memorial Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
8 Storm Avenue
Hudson, NY 12534

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Many years ago (40), we were in the kitchen making breakfast. As I was cracking an egg in the pan, Pop told me the only way to cut the egg white was with the shell. Me being the know-it-all midshipman tried to cut the white with a knife and it didn't work. Pop chuckled. Every time I make an egg I remember Pop's words of wisdom. Having grown up without a father, Pop shared much advice with me about being a man, especially accepting Christ as my savior. I believe I am the man I am in large part because of him. Almost every day I think of him and he lives on in my heart. Thank you for all the memories Pop, I'll never forget you. I love you and miss you.

John Brigante - April 19, 2018 at 08:10 AM

DC

Thanks John, for sharing this...

Doreen Conner - April 21, 2018 at 04:58 PM

CT

Mentioned you in my eulogy. Thanks for loving our father (Pop)!

Cheryl Wintjen Tanner - May 06, 2018 at 04:03 PM

BG

“ I remember being at your childhood home and your dad, Reen, saying how he felt sorry for us new college grads, we'd never find jobs... We'll, I guess it all worked out. You and Cheryl are in our prayers. ❤️ Barbara and Fred.

Barbara Grant - April 15, 2018 at 09:39 PM

LC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you George was a good man Our Sympathies James and Lynn Clum and Family*

Lynn Clum - March 29, 2018 at 06:55 PM

CT

Thank you! How is it that you knew my father? -Cheryl

Cheryl Wintjen Tanner - May 06, 2018 at 04:06 PM