



Russell "Wink" Wingerter

October 20, 1935 - March 5, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Russell "Wink" Wingerter

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Russell "Wink" Wingerter, age 89, of Murphysboro, passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at his residence.

He was born on October 20, 1935 to Arthur and Bernice (Bright) Wingerter in Granite City, Illinois. He was married to Alvalyne Qualls on December 3, 1954 and together they spent over 50 years together until her passing in 2005.

Russell had worked at Morgan Ford Tractor in Murphysboro and then later became a policeman also in Murphysboro. He later went on to begin working for himself as a owner/operator of Wink's Radiator and Air Conditioning. Russell enjoyed attending auctions along with buying and selling. Russell had been an active member and supporter of the local Loins Club organization.

Survivors include his son, Bruce (Gina) Wingerter; daughter, Theresa Starnes; five grandchildren, Brandy (Rick) Glasser-Johnson, Brock (Sara) Wingerter, Shana Harner, Brant (Amanda) Wingerter, Britni Wingerter; and five great-grandchildren, Logan Wingerter, Abigail Wingerter, Draco Wingerter, Braden Harner, and Bailey Harner.

He is preceded in death by his parents and wife.

A Graveside Service will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM with Rev. Jim Easton officiating at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

Interment will follow the service.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ 1 file added to the album 70th TRICO Class Reunion



Jerry Ann (Wheatley) Piontkowski - March 31, 2025 at 01:10 PM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss.

Marilynn Martin - March 10, 2025 at 12:12 AM

SP

“ What a guy he was. Took many a radiator over to Murphysboro to be repaired by him for our customers. Always so friendly, busy and Johnny on the spot. My heartfelt condolences to his family members and friends alike. Prayers to them all.

Sandy Phipps - March 09, 2025 at 11:27 PM

MC

“ We knew Russ through his Goldwing, IL Chapter I affiliation, group rides and the Southern IL Ride In weekends. Many a good time was shared with him riding the highways and by-ways. Sending our condolences to his family and friends.

Marlene Cloude - March 08, 2025 at 10:11 AM

SN

“ Bruce and family my sympathy. I remember Wink as a police officer and auctioneer. Peace and Love

Suzie Naegele - March 07, 2025 at 03:20 PM

JP

I will miss my high school classmate. We had numerous talks prior to class reunions. He was eager to meet again for our 71st reunion. I think Russel was the only classmate who had a car when Trico was still at Ava. We used to pile in it to have pictures made.

At our 69th reunion, Russell brought framed pictures of all of us at our class reunions. He said that he always had them displayed at home. I posted a photo on this website of the six of us who were able to attend our 70th reunion in 2024. We will all miss him.

Jerry Ann (Wheatley) Piontkowski - March 31, 2025 at 10:09 PM