

## Dennie "Wink" Winkler

August 9, 1953 - December 27, 2024

Dennie "Wink" Winkler, age 71 of Clarington, OH passed away Friday, December 27, 2024 at Trinity West in Steubenville, OH surrounded by his loving family.

He was born August 9, 1953 in New Martinsville, WV, the son of the late Homer Louis and Alberta Yvonne Crawford Winkler.

Dennie was employed by HLC Trucking-Dilles Bottom where he worked as a general supervisor, and he enjoyed going to work every day.

He was a proud US Navy Veteran having served in the Vietnam War and a member of the VFW in Duffy.

Wink loved his antique truck and cars attending car shows, enjoyed golfing and playing cards with the old man club and never missed a day without ice cream.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Charles Wright.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Wright Winkler; one daughter, Shannan (Mitchell) Palmer of Powhatan Point, OH; two brothers, Ronald (Willie) Winkler of Clarington, OH and Kevin (Jo) Winkler of Sardis, OH; four sisters, Myrna (Stephen) Potts, Denise (Ted) Hunt all of Sardis, Dawn (Bill Marsh) Allen of Frostproof, FL and Maureen (Tim) Cecil of New Martinsville; mother-in-law, Carolyn Wright of Clarington; sisters-in-law, Leigh Wright of Wellsville, NY and Lydia (Frank) Foraker of Spring Hills, TN; a brother-in-law, Lorne (Carol) Wright of Norfolk, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Friday, January 3, 2025 from 1pm to 7pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, where funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11am.

Interment in Sardis Cemetery with military honor guard services.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Happy Tails Paw It Forward, 700 Marshall Street B, McMechen, WV 26040.

# Cemetery Details

## Sardis Cemetery

State Route 255  
Sardis, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 3.** 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
(304) 455-1800  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

**JAN 4.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
(304) 455-1800  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennie "Wink" Winkler*



**Grisell Funeral Homes** - January 01, 2025 at 05:08 PM

JS

*It is with my deepest sympathy to the family of Wink. My name is Jodie Phillips Swiger and I worked at Ohio West Virginia in 2005-2007 and again in 2011-2014 and that is how I met Wink. I just wanted to say that I really like Wink and he always treated me very well. May he rest in peace.*

**Jodie Phillips Swiger** - January 03, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.*



January 03, 2025 at 09:17 AM



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

January 03, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.*



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January 02, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.*

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**Rich and Vicki Vanchure** - January 02, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *Dear Shannan, I'm so sorry to hear about your father's passing. I have such fond memories of his kindness, humor, and generosity throughout our childhood. May God be with you, Laura, and your family, bringing you comfort and peace in the cherished memories of his life and love. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this heartbreaking time. He will be deeply missed.*

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**Sarah (Lude) Rist** - January 02, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ *Don & Julia Pickenpaugh & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.*



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**Don & Julia Pickenpaugh & family** - January 02, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.*



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January 02, 2025 at 08:44 AM



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

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January 02, 2025 at 08:44 AM



“ *Alex & Henry Fankhauser purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.*



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**Alex & Henry Fankhauser** - January 02, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.*



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January 02, 2025 at 07:47 AM



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

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January 02, 2025 at 07:47 AM



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

January 02, 2025 at 05:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



January 02, 2025 at 05:45 AM



“ Dallas, Amanda and Riley Rine purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



Dallas, Amanda and Riley Rine - January 01, 2025 at 05:31 PM



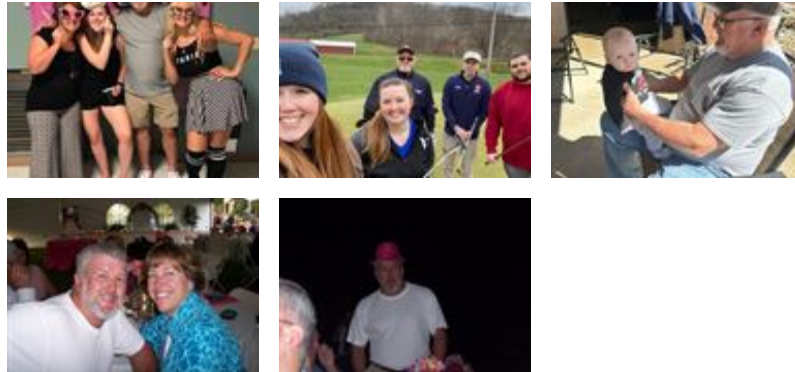
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Grisell Funeral Homes - January 01, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ 156 files added to the album LifeTributes



Grisell Funeral Homes - December 31, 2024 at 03:21 PM

DF

“ 25 years ago started working with Wink. So many memories among the years. You will be missed my friend. May God be with Laura and Shannon to heal their hearts. Condolences to the family.  
Dan and Sherry Forni

Dan and Sherry Forni - December 31, 2024 at 08:43 AM

FF

“ Foraker family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



Foraker family - December 30, 2024 at 04:45 PM

JL

“ Jim & Joyce Luke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.

Jim & Joyce Luke - December 30, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JL

“ Jim & Joyce Luke purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



Jim & Joyce Luke - December 30, 2024 at 11:27 AM

MW

“ Mike and Paula Waldo purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



Mike and Paula Waldo - December 29, 2024 at 03:01 PM



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

December 29, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



December 29, 2024 at 02:38 PM



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

December 29, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



December 29, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Words cannot express how sorry we are shannan, for the loss of your dad. i know you thought the world of him! Prayers for peace and comfort for you and your family during this difficult time.  
Paige,Michael, & Vance Knight

Paige knight - December 29, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Our sincere condolences. Dennie was always friendly & smiling.



Carol Howell Farrell - December 29, 2024 at 12:01 PM



To the Winkler Family  
My thoughts and prayers are truly with you all. I got to know "Wink" through my dad "Pappy" working for HLC. My father & I thought the world of this great man! RIP 🙏

Michael Clark - December 30, 2024 at 02:17 PM



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

December 29, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ "Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



December 29, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Dennie Winkler, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....

US Navy Veteran, Dennie Winkler, is "A True American Hero" God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 29, 2024 at 08:14 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



December 28, 2024 at 06:51 PM



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

December 28, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ Worked with Wink for a little over 20 years and he became like a big brother one you can go to and he'd always listened and offered to help if he could, he will surely be missed by so many. Love and prayers being sent to Laura and Shannon and the rest of the family

Ed & Colleen Frasnelly - December 28, 2024 at 06:43 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family and friends.  
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darlene fiber - December 28, 2024 at 05:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dennie "Wink" Winkler.



December 28, 2024 at 03:50 PM