



Wilbert Melvin Winkler

March 6, 1934 - May 31, 2024

Funeral services for Wilbert Winkler, 90 of Houston, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Rev. Russell "Red" Etzel officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Wilbert Melvin Winkler was born on March 6, 1934 in Fedor, Texas, the son of Albert Karl Winkler and Otilie Helen (Frosch) Winkler. He was baptized on March 18, 1934 and later confirmed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Fedor. Wilbert served in the United States Army receiving his Honorable Discharge on December 2, 1958, having obtained the rank of SP4. On October 20, 1956, Wilbert was united in marriage to Ruth Henrietta Kieschnick at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Manheim, Texas with Pastor G.L. Naumann officiating. They were blessed with two children, Sandra and Kenneth. After moving to Houston, they became members of Concordia Lutheran Church. Wilbert worked as a sheetrocker with Howard E. Proske Drywall in Houston for 40 years. He was a hard worker and was always working, even in retirement. He enjoyed farming, taking care of the cattle and working the land at the family homeplace in Fedor.

Wilbert passed away the evening of Friday, May 31, 2024 in Houston.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert & Otilie Winkler; his wife of 59 years, Ruth Winkler; his sister and brother-in-law, Irene & Eddie Wolf, and his two brothers, Lawrence Winkler and Clarence Winkler.

Wilbert is survived by his two children, Sandra Chancellor of Pearland and Kenneth Winkler of Houston; four grandchildren, Amy Switzer and her husband, Ryan of Huntington, Christopher Chancellor of Kansas City, Missouri, Lauren Smith and her husband, Jeff of Needville and Kendall Winkler of Katy; seven great grandchildren, Coralie Maltby of Huntington, Anneliese Switzer of Huntington, Carter Zatopek of Needville, Brandon Walker of Needville, Layla Walker of Needville, and Elijah and Zachary Smith of Needville; two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Winkler of Austin and Janet Winkler of Houston, as well as numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and extended family members.

Pallbearers will be Robert Winkler, Michael Winkler, James Wolf, Raymond Wolf, Christopher Chancellor, and Jeff Smith.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUN 5. 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Wilbert Winkler



violet Frosch - June 05, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbert Melvin Winkler.



June 03, 2024 at 10:35 AM



“ Duane M. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wilbert Melvin Winkler.



Duane M. - June 03, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Wilbert Melvin Winkler.



June 03, 2024 at 09:44 AM

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“ *The Hooper Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilbert Melvin Winkler.*

The Hooper Family - June 03, 2024 at 09:44 AM

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“ *My deepest and most sincere condolences to all the family.*
Yolanda Sanchez

YOLANDA SANCHEZ - June 03, 2024 at 09:22 AM

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“ *Love, Mike, Trish and Hailey Winkler purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Wilbert Melvin Winkler.*



Love, Mike, Trish and Hailey Winkler - June 01, 2024 at 06:39 PM

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“ *Love, Mike, Trish and Hailey Winkler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilbert Melvin Winkler.*

Love, Mike, Trish and Hailey Winkler - June 01, 2024 at 06:39 PM