



## Charles Winn

July 10, 2014

### Obituary of Charles Winn

Charles William (Bill) Winn, 71, passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2014, at his home. He was the devoted husband of Lorna, the loving father of Jennifer and Ryan, and a devoted Grandpa who was also a great friend. A teacher, coach, and school administrator for 38 years, he made a huge impact in the lives of countless students. After retiring from the public school system, he established and helped implement three Christian schools. He mentored, inspired, led, befriended, and nurtured so many. He saw the best in people and encouraged them to reach their potential. He was a man of strength, integrity and unshakeable faith.

He is survived by Lorna, his wife of 48 years; two children, Jennifer (Steve) McMichael of Tanger, Morocco and Ryan (Eli) Winn of Bloomington, IL; two grand daughters, Leah McMichael and Emerson Winn; and a brother Ron Winn of Tampa, FL.

The funeral will be held Tuesday, July 15, at 11:00 am at Village View Church, 8585 147th Place, Summerfield, FL. Another memorial service will be held at a later date in Illinois, where he will be buried. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

Water for Life/James Robinson Ministries

Life Outreach International

P.O. Box 982000

Fort Worth, TX 76182-9986

# Tribute Wall

NH

“ We feel that we have lost a wonderful friend & neighbor. Bill truly was a kind man with a delightful sense of humor. We feel so blessed that our lives crossed. May Bill rest in peace. We are sending our love to Lorna & his family.

Nancy & Ernie Heifner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Praying for all of you! Bill was an amazing man!!!!

Pastor Ruck and Huanita Spangler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I am saddened by the passing of Mr. Winn, my children's former principle at LWCS. He was an inspiration to all the children there as well as anyone he came in contact with. (((Hugs))) to you Lorna & family! With love & prayers, Cheryl

Cheryl Hafstrom (formal Denault) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and all of your family, Bill was truly a wonderful man. God bless all of you.

Rod and Kathy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Lorna, Our very deepest condolences are with you at this time. You and Bill have given us so much faith when the chips were down for us, offering prayers yourselves and your prayer group as well. God has an important mission for Bill, something we cannot be part of right now. He will always have a special spot in our hearts.

Jerry and Grace Ell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ We are truly sorry of Bill's passing. We were very blessed to be together at Living Word Church and school and will always cherish our work for the Lord.

Rick & sheila Kirby - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I didn't know Bill for a lot of years, like some. What I do know of him, he was kind, caring and a all around great guy. I admired his faith & strength. He will be greatly missed!!!

Laurie Finch - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Our sympathy to you and your family. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carl and Diana Tull of Fairbury, IL - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ He will be missed. He was a very humble Christian man. He touched so many lives. I was blessed to know him.

Valerie Cox - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Thinking of you and remembering a beautiful "brother" in the Lord!

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AT

“ Mrs. Winn, Jennifer, Ryan and the rest of your family. Mr. Winn was such an awsome man!! He always knew how to make me smile, rather it was in the hallways at school in the Sunday school classes at our church or in his home where I spent a lot of years growing up and being friends with Jennifer. He was so compassionate and caring about everyone that came in his reach. He will be greatly missed!! Please know that you all are in my thoughts & prayers, and even though there are lots of miles between us, you are so very close to my heart!! Love you all!!

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**Ann Margaret Thorp** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ He was a true leader!! He influenced every person he came in contact with. He always would make time for you and encourage you. So thankful our two childrens lives were impacted by his love for people and Christ.

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**Brian & Lesley King** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I am sorry to hear of your father's passing. He is with God now. May the Holy Spirit comfort you all. From what I've read he was a great man. Blessings.

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**Leann Weaver** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family on the passing of such an inspiring man.

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**Curt and Anita Addicks** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“*Sorry for your loss of Bill Winn. He was a great Friend to his family and grandchildren also. He will be greatly missed by slot of friends local and out of areas. Sincerely Mr. Brown*

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**Michael Brown** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“*A great man of God who did his bidding, safe in the arms of His Lord. Lorna You too are a great women of God and may God bless you richly!!!*

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**Ronnie & Kirsten Wallace** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PR

“*So sorry to learn of your loss. Bill was a wonderful caring person.*

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**Peg Krieg Reynolds** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“*This is very sad news to hear. We are thinking of your entire family in these challenging times ahead. I will always remember Mr. Winning as a great guy. Graduating with Ryan, and going over to their house numerous occasions, I got to see what a lucky kid and now man Ryan truly was. I will never forget you Mr. Winn. Say hi to my dad for me (never knew you coached him in football until recently).*

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**Chris B. (and family)** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

OP

“*Bill, will be missed by all. We loved this man and his family and just want them to know our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know God will give you the peace and strength you need at this time.*

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**Orley and Joan Plenert** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ *sincères condoléances, que Dieu vous console et vous bénisse odile et alain coubat amis de Jennifer et steve en France*

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**odile et alain coubat** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *you have our deepest sympathy from me and Janet . After the discipleship walk in 2013 we formed an accountability group with Bill he has been such a blessing to this group with his wisdom and spirituality and friendship .bill has shown me what it means to truly walk in faith.I know I can speak for the whole group when I say that he will be dearly missed . Larry, Mike,David,and Steve .*

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**Stephen Cometa** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *WORDS ARE NEVER ADEQUATE AT TIMES LIKE THIS. WE WILL SAY THOUGH, THAT OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO YOU, AND WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE JOYOUS MEMORIES WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE IN KNOWING YOUR HUSBAND BILL*

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**VIN & PATRICIA MARCELLO** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I knew Bill for a long time and am really sorry for his passing. He was a good friend in school and always interesting. The best to Lorna and his family.*

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**John Gathman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. Mr. Winn was blessing to his students and any lives he touched. The world of so many people is a better place for having known Mr. Winn. With prayers for his family.

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**Mary Hudson Keith** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ In school I was a bit rebellious. My poor mom worried constantly that I would never make it out ok. After one instance of being sent to see "the principle" my mom visited with Mr Winn and he assured her that the fight in me that made me so hard to deal with would be exactly what would make me a strong leader later in life. It only took those words to imprint in my heart and my mothers heart forever. His belief in me changed how I saw myself. What a beautiful man The Lord created when he allowed us the privilege to know Mr. Winn! My prayers are with everyone whose life he touched.

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**Lindsey (Sandage) Hale** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Dear Lorna and family: Bill's faith, strength and love for his family has touched our hearts on so many levels. We have been blessed to count him as a friend. God bless and keep you.

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**Bob & Marianne Grenon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sorry for your loss. HE lived his faith. He will be missed. Praying for you all!

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**Joy Mason** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My sincere sympathies to the Winn family. I am thankful for the years you all spent in our community, Bill's position as principal is fondly remembered and appreciated.*

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**Donna Sands** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ *Mr. Winn was the best principal ever he respected and understood all of us he remembered all of us even though there were thousands of us when i heard he died i heard his voice louder than ever before in my head " less talk more eat" he never yelled if he needed to say something at lunch he turned off the lights to quiet us down he was a great guy we'll all miss him*

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**Ali Ostrowski** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I knew Bill from Saybrook when he worked for his dad.*

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**Larry COILE** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Bill was a great man. We were blessed to have known him. We extend our sympathy to Lorna and all the family. We are praying for all of you.*

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**Bruce and Lisa Fuoss** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Jennifer, I am sorry for your loss but comforted to know your father has gained. It must be said that the world is a better place because of his life. He has no doubt impacted so many, but I see that it goes much farther to lives of others who have been touched as a result of those Bill influenced especially your own. Warm Regards, Steve

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**Steve Shoop** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Mr. Winn made a huge impact on my life in his early years as a teacher at Fairbury-Cropsey High school which I am very grateful for. Kindness and integrity was always part of his Godly character. My sympathy to the Winn family; praying The Lord will strengthen you with His love and peace. Well done, good and faithful servant!

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**Vera Meyer Wahls** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Lorna, Jennifer, Ryan and families - There are times that someone comes into your life and leaves such an imprint that is everlasting. Bill was that person! I hope the outpouring of support that I've been reading is lessening the pain that you are all experiencing. He touched so many lives. We had the privilege of knowing Bill through my (Barb) working for him at FCHS/PCHS for 11 years then as we both left the high school, through a wonderful friendship that has always been cherished. We shared so many laughs together over the years. I will always remember our survivor/caregiver walk at Relay For Life in 2012 and cherish the memories we shared. Heaven is shining a bit brighter with Bill's arrival and know that we will all see him again.

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**Roger and Barb Haab** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Winn family. Ron Winn, my brother in law, always spoke so highly and lovingly of his brother.*

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**Sherry Dinges** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *We were so sorry to hear that Bill had passed away but know he is in a beautiful place worshipping the Father. You all are in our prayers.*

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**Johnny & Doris McMichael** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Sincere sympathy to you, Lorna, Jennifer, Ryan and families! We enjoyed having you as neighbors on good ole Amber Drive. Bill was a special person. Our love and prayers to you!!!*

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**Robert & Cherie Kaisner** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Growing up with Bill Winn was a priviledge only a few of us had the opportunity to share in our small town of Saybrook. Our universe will be much darker now as he was the star we all sort of revolved around, and we will miss him greatly.*

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**Ron and Shirley Wright** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Lorna, I hope that in due time you and your family receive God's peace that excels all thought, so that it will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus. God is called the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation. Rest assured that he cares for all his creatures and he would never bring us suffering. I like the soothing scripture in Psalm 34:18 which reads: "Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." Thus, while you await the Paradise where no one will be sick and die, may you lean on Jehovah God to cope with your separation from your beloved Bill. -Psalm 37:29.

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**Claire** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers Lorna. We will all miss Bill.....he was the best. Lots of good memories to share.....our boys send their sympathy also.

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**Jack and Shirley** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Lorna and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We remember Bill's excellent leadership as Principal. We remember the good times. God's love be with you.

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**Dave and Pearle** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Uncle Bill was one fantastic, dynamic, fun to be around person. My condolences go out to my dear Aunt Lorna, my wonderful cousins Jennifer and Ryan, and the entire Winn extended family. I grieve with you for now, but will continue to remember and celebrate Bill's life with you in our collective memories,

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**Chris Lobdell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Your entire family has been in our thoughts and prayers. Like everyone has said, Bill was a wonderful Christian man with a great family. But I think of him also as a loving grandpa who adored his grandchildren! In every picture I saw of him with his grandchildren, he looked so proud and just was glowing. I know he will be missed desperately by so many. Love and hugs to you.

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**Mike and Gingie McWhorter** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Lorna, Mary Henry and I have up north for the past month (mostly in Traverse City, MI). I was so saddened to learn of Bill's passing. I so enjoyed Monday golf with Bill and you and friends. Bill was such a personal inspiration to so many, including me. I just had a chance to read the obituary, and all that was said about Bill is absolutely true. He was just a wonderful person, and I feel privileged to have know him. Please know my thoughts are with you and your family.  
Myron Henry

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**Myron Henry** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Be sure Jennifer and Pastor Steve that you're always in our prayers. Am sure God will lift you up through this difficult time and He'll fill you with His peace. I thank God for the honest life of your father and for his witness to Jesus and now he's celebrating with the angels and saints in front of the throne of the king of king and Lord of lords. You are really a blessed family. Lots of love to you all. Mira and Michael.

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**Mira Murphy** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I remember Bill and Ron Winn, Lorna, I am sorry for you. May God comfort you and your children. LaCene Ferrell from Saybrook from 1955 to 1990. I live in Calif. now near Jeffrey and his family.

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**LaCene Ferrell, Jeffrey and Randall** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM