



James "Jim" Winford Winner

July 29, 1953 - July 8, 2021

James "Jim" Winford Winner, 67, of Searcy Arkansas, passed away on July 8, 2021, at Unity LTACH in Searcy.

Jim was born July 29, 1953 to Bobby Ray Winder and Betsy Denny in Cincinnati, Ohio. He married Jamie Sue Hayes on April 1, 1978 in Springfield, Illinois.

After becoming the first Christian in his family, Jim had a calling to minister to others and attended Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas from 1981 to 1984, graduating from their Ministerial Program in 1983, then completing graduate work in Doctrine.

Jim ministered for over 30 years with the support of Jamie and he was able to fulfill his passion for preaching. Jim served as pulpit minister for several church of Christ congregations in Texas, Illinois, Iowa and Arkansas. He also preached and taught at many other neighboring congregations in the areas he lived. He continued his education in Dixon, Illinois at Sauk Valley Community College, earning an Associate of Science Degree in Psychology, graduating with High Honors in May 1995. In the fall of the same year, Jim earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice, again graduating with High Honors as a member of the Honors Program. Jim earned a Bachelor of Religious Education Degree in 1996, then completed his Master of Religious Education Degree in 1997, both through the Theological University of America. Then in 2010, Jim furthered his Biblical studies in the CAMT program at Harding University in Searcy Arkansas, earning a Bachelor of

Ministry Degree. Jim had many different jobs throughout his life, but his true passion was preaching, which he continued to do until he became sick with COVID-19.

Aside from his love for studying the Bible, Jim loved fishing, caring for plants and many species of animals, helping others with remodel & construction projects, playing games and watching movies with family, especially Star Wars. The family also enjoyed camping, amusement parks, and spending time with church family. Jim owned an impressive Library and enjoyed collecting lighthouses, pens, mugs and wheat pennies.

Jim was proud of raising his kids. He always told his children, "Remember who your Father is." He did not care what their occupation was, so long as they loved God and lived their lives for him; something he felt certain of in each of them. He was happy to watch each of them marry loving spouses who would help them live faithful lives. Jim also enjoyed spoiling and being entertained by his grandchildren. He always enjoyed hearing of their accomplishments and interests.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Frank Winder and Darin Winder; sisters Tina Winder, Rebecca Winder, and Sandra Sexson; his children Karen Winder and Kerry Winder.

He was survived by his wife Jamie Winner; his children Nicholas (Cinda) Carrigan of Rochester, Illinois, Joseph (Erica) Carrigan of Dawson, Illinois, Bobby (Brittney) Winner of Searcy, Arkansas, Sarah (Douglas) Martin of Amarillo, Texas, Caitlin (Alexander) Forcier of Searcy, Arkansas, and Brittny (Matthew) Spampinato of Jonesboro, Arkansas; his grandchildren Lainey Martin, Alyssa Winner, Evangeline Martin, Kenley Martin, Zachary Winner, and Granger Forcier; his siblings Douglas (Dawn) Winder of Monticello, Illinois, Tina Miller-Cooper of Springfield, Illinois, Melody (Donald) Blankenship of Michigan, Melissa Syries of Riverside, California, and Renee Syries of Monticello, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Jim Winner will be Monday, July 19th, 4-8pm at College Church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas. Memorial Service will be Tuesday, July 20,

10am at College Church of Christ. The Memorial Service will be live streamed on the College Church of Christ Facebook page. The family has requested everyone wear a mask while attending services.

Entrusted with arrangements is Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net. Flowers may be sent to Powell Funeral Home. Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, can be sent to the Child Safety Center of White County in Searcy, Arkansas at www.childsafetycenter.org or the Brain Recovery Project for childhood epilepsy surgery at www.brainrecoveryproject.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

College Church of Christ
Searcy, AR 72143

Memorial Service

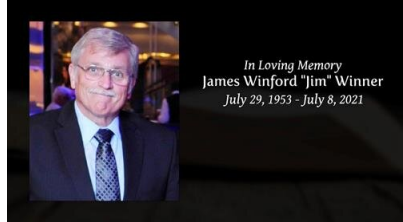
JUL **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Winford Winner



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 16, 2021 at 01:16 PM

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I first met Jim when he became the Principal at G.R.A.C.E. I have always had much respect for Jim and his love and devotion to God and his family and his desire to be a "fisher of men". Jim was truly a missionary everywhere he lived.

Over the past few years I have reached out to Jim for spiritual guidance and he has been of great help. I will miss his words of Wisdom which he regularly posted on Facebook (and his snowmen cartoons).

About two years ago, at the beginning of the school year, I purchased, on-line at Walmart, a bike for my granddaughter, who is a student at Harding. I assumed that when I arrived at Walmart in Searcy that the bike would be assembled. Unfortunately it was not. About 9pm that night I posted my frustration on Facebook with concerns on how I was going to get this bike assembled for my granddaughter before I had to return to Illinois the next day. Jim immediately sent me a message to let me know that he had worked as a bike assembler previously and if I did not find someone to put it together that he would gladly do so the next day when he got home from work. Unfortunately I had to leave before he got off work so, in the parking lot of Harding at 7am in the high humidity I assembled the bike myself. About a week or so later my granddaughter commented that her bike was making noises and the handlebars kept moving. So I reached out to Jim who graciously agreed to meet with my granddaughter and make sure that I had put the bike together correctly. After they met he assured me that I had put it together correctly and it was just the springs on the seat making the noise. My granddaughter relayed that she was very hesitant meeting a man that she didn't know but after meeting him she said "he was such a sweet, friendly man."

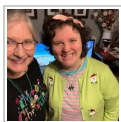
My deepest condolences to the Winner/Winder family. Jim will be truly missed.

Sue Henson - July 20, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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“ Jim was such a good and Godly man, he was a dear friend and coworker. I couldn't express the love I had for him fully at the service today. I guess I can't even do it justice on this platform either. Jim always had an encouraging word to share and he was always so excited to discuss what he had been studying in the Bible lately. He would always make me eager to go home and get into my own study. I admire Jim so much for taking the time to listen, he may not have always had the answers but he always helped by just lending me his ear. I hope in a small way I did the same for him. He truly was one of the best friends I've ever had and I will miss him greatly. Allen Grimes

Allen R. Grimes - July 20, 2021 at 08:46 PM



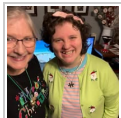
Thank you Allen, so very much. Jamie

Jamie Winner - July 30, 2021 at 12:51 AM

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“ Too many to mention but 1 stands out. It was 1990;s Halloween and we were in Rockford Illinois @ Doug & Dawn's home. We, along with Doug, set up several booby traps, on the front porch, to hide in & scare the trick or treaters. Jim pretended to be a scarecrow. He scared one kid so much, the kid cleared the porch railing of the elevated front porch & landed at least 10 feet away, in one move. We laughed so hard. I miss our friendship and bond! Love, Andy

Andy Boosinger - July 20, 2021 at 07:12 PM



Thank you Andy.

Jamie Winner - July 30, 2021 at 12:53 AM

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“ I’ve known Jim for a very long time. I rode the Joy bus when he was driving for Clear Lake Church of Christ. Our family became members of the church. He’s Always been a faithful follower of Christ since that time. I enjoyed many of his teachings. I Have not seen him since he moved away with Jamie to Texas and Arkansas. I have kept in contact with him through Facebook. We’ve spoken about many biblical things. He even sent me a version of the “Holy Bible Modern Literal Version. The worlds most accurate English translation. He’s always had answers to any biblical questions that I’ve asked him. Jim was a good guy. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss Winner and Winder Family. God give you strength and comfort.



Angela Spradlin (Johnson) - July 19, 2021 at 11:46 AM



Thank you Angie.

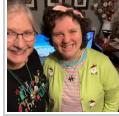
Jamie Winner - July 30, 2021 at 12:54 AM

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“ Jim and family have meant so much to our family over the years. We have missed their presence in our lives since they moved to Arkansas, but our wonderful memories will last a lifetime. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family who must say good bye to their beloved, but we are rejoicing with the angels in heaven to know that Jim is resting in the arms of Jesus. Well done, thy good and faithful servant. Our love and prayers on behalf of the family who are hurting at this time. We love you all and look forward to our reunion one day. Love and hugs, Joyce and Jason Lewis



Joyce Lewis - July 16, 2021 at 12:40 PM



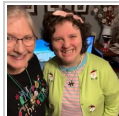
Thank you Joyce and a Jason.

Jamie Winner - July 30, 2021 at 12:55 AM

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“ *Mr. Jim as we at Peppers Lake church of Christ love Jim and we were positive of the love he had in his heart for God the Father and Jesus the son. We have no question in our hearts that he is at HOME with them in heaven. Praising God and preaching Jesus saving Grace was his life mission. The world lost a good man and heaven gained a saint. See you soon Brother Jim. Love Carl and Peggy Murphy*

Carl & Peggy Murphy - July 16, 2021 at 11:46 AM



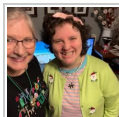
Thank you Carl and Peggy.

Jamie Winner - July 30, 2021 at 12:55 AM

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“ *Jim has gone where he longed to be according to his own words! We rejoice with him while feeling sadness for ourselves. He made sacrifices to come to Des Arc and help our little congregation and we will never forget! He is an extraordinary man and a faithful man of God. I look forward to seeing him again!*

Janice Parker - July 15, 2021 at 09:30 PM



Thank Janice.

Jamie Winner - July 30, 2021 at 12:56 AM