



John Gary Winston

July 15, 1932 - October 25, 2020

John “Gary” Winston passed away Sunday, October 25, 2020 at St. James Healthcare. Gary was born in Butte Friday, July 15, 1932 to J. J. “Buzz” and Winifred (Boyle) Winston.

Gary was raised in Butte and was very proud of his neighborhood. He was educated at St. Mary’s Elementary School and graduated from Boy’s Central in 1951. He was a standout athlete for the Maroons. He also played for the American Legion Baseball team and others.

Gary served his country in the US Army in Korea. He attended Carroll College and Western Montana College. He taught school in California and at Butte High School. He also attended Creighton University as well as Gonzaga where he earned his law degree.

He served as Butte Silver Bow County Attorney from 1974 through 1980 and then had a private practice until his retirement.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Jim Winston. Survivors include his sister, Midge Rivenes and her family Michele Peterson and Carol Jackson, sister-in-law, Julie Ann Winston and her family, John and Cindy Winston, Teri and Bill Palmer, Julie and Hal Hubber, Ginger and Tom Golbro and many great nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his God-daughter, Ivy Neiffer, son, Josh Chelini and family.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be conducted in the Spring of 2021. Special thank you to Ivy Neiffer for being his personal caregiver for seven and a half years.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family.

Sandi Skender - October 30, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a great lawyer & a good man!

Ed Sheehy

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“ Gary was a great family friend, and was always there, a phone call away. We all remember Gary doing the legal work for many adoptions, that he never said much about. He would tell me, "if a person is willing to give a kid a home, I will do the paperwork for nothing." He was generous to many, and gave the credit to AA for having been sober a lot of years. The last time I saw Gary, he was having a meal in Perkins. May you rest in peace Gary, we all remember you well, and enjoyed meals and laughs with you. Broadway won't be the same without you!

Sheila Connell - October 30, 2020 at 01:44 AM

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“ Montana Lady Oredigger #1 fan! Gary was at every home game cheering us on!

Maria Pace - October 29, 2020 at 10:28 PM