



## Terry Michael Winkler

November 27, 1946 - April 13, 2024

Terrence M. “Terry” “T-Bone” Winkler was born November 27, 1946, in Albion, Nebraska to Henry and Helen (Graham) Winkler. Terry grew up in Petersburg, Nebraska and moved to Valley, Nebraska, where he attended school, graduating from Valley High School in 1965. Growing up in Valley, Terry loved playing sports. He was active in everything including football and track, but he excelled at baseball, and especially loved when he could share the field with his brothers, Don and Larry. He even had a try out for both the Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals pro teams.

Terry married Connie Forsberg in 1974 at St. John’s Catholic Church in Valley, and to this union, three children were born, Andy, Brett, and Paige. Terry and Connie raised their family in Valley.

Terry worked for Valmont Industries for over 35 years doing sales and marketing. He then worked for Semaan Engineering until retiring in 2013.

Terry was active with the Elkhorn Valley Tractor Club and his Coffee Club.

Family meant everything to Terry. From his marriage to Connie, to coaching and teaching the boys the fundamentals in baseball, to walking Paige down the aisle at her wedding, accepting and loving Traci, Kristy, and Dan as his own, and the birth of the grandkids, Terry cherished every moment. He loved cooking for the family and looked forward to weekly conversations with his nephews.

Terry was also known to just drive around Valley and make a ham for Andy. He enjoyed junk-journing, gardening and could often be found watching

cowboy shows or Fox News. He liked listening to George Strait, missed his favorite restaurant, Harr's, and enjoyed snacking on cinnamon rolls and onion rings. Terry was the king of one-liners and nicknames. Some of his classic lines were, "you damn kids!", "save a buck", "listening skills, zero", "alright sports fans", "don't you love it when a good plan comes together?" and "birddog." Most of all, Terry will be remembered for his generosity and humble acts of kindness.

Terry passed away unexpectedly at his home in Valley, Nebraska on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the age of 77 years, 5 months, and 18 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Henry & Helen Winkler, brother Larry Winkler and sister Leah Pittenger. Terry is survived by his wife Connie, children Andy & Traci Winkler, Brett & Kristy Winkler, Paige & Dan Kincaid, Tim & Deborah Winkler, and grandchildren Brynn, Reid, Ellery, Alyssa, and Charlotte. Honorary grandchildren Mitch Winkler & Kasey Masterpiece, Baleigh & Jack Holt, and Carson Winkler. Special nephews Chad Hayden and Tom Lewis. Siblings Roxie Lewis, Don & Shirley Winkler, Sheila Winkler & Leroy Henderson.

Memorial Mass Friday, April 19, 11 AM at St. John's Catholic Church, Valley NE. Inurnment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn, NE. Visitation Thursday 4-7 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn, NE. Memorials to the Valley American Legion Post #58 or the Trump 2024 campaign.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Mass

APR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church  
307 East Meigs Street  
Valley, NE 68064

# Tribute Wall



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



April 18, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ Joe, Sara, Theo and Archie Pitts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



Joe, Sara, Theo and Archie Pitts - April 18, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ Connie and family,  
My regards and sympathy go out all of you. I always appreciated Terry's friendliness when we would meet over the years when I would return to Valley. We would chat about old Valley and new events. He was a true friend. I will miss him.

Bill Rittenhouse - April 18, 2024 at 12:10 PM



So sorry to hear of Terry's passing I always enjoyed watching the Winkler boys at their sports events in high school was glad Connie and him married we will miss him

Jerry and Phyllis Leaver - April 18, 2024 at 05:24 PM

TS

“ Tom Robin Zach & Erica Sawyer purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



Tom Robin Zach & Erica Sawyer - April 18, 2024 at 11:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



April 18, 2024 at 09:59 AM

JL

“ Joe, Pam, Sam and Bailey Lathrop purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



Joe, Pam, Sam and Bailey Lathrop - April 18, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



April 18, 2024 at 12:06 AM

KP

“ *Paige and Dan thinking of you and your families. Hold on to those memories! I'm sure you were your dad's favorite daughter! With Sympathy Karen Pitts*

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**KAREN PITTS** - April 17, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, Connie and family.... There were few people in Valley as friendly and kind as Terry, and he would stop to talk nearly every time he saw me outside, occasionally bringing veggies from his garden, or a good word, or news of happenings around Valley. He was as kind and funny as they came, and he will really be missed.*

*A friend and neighbor,  
Jerry Korf*

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**Jerry Korf** - April 17, 2024 at 05:41 PM

WD

*Connie and family  
Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time  
Teri was such a bundle of happiness and we have such fond memories of his bringing his mother so often into delicious pastry Café such a wonderful son he was to her.  
please let us know if there's anything we can do to help you  
Fondly  
Wendy And Jeanne  
The Gallery and Simply Delicious Restaurant*

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**Wendy Deane** - April 18, 2024 at 06:29 PM

KD

“ *Connie, Paige and family...  
Our hearts were saddened to hear of Terry's passing. He was a truly great man and a blessing to all who knew him. Praying for all of you. We love you.*  
*- Josh and Kristi (Aden) Dowding and family*

Kristi Dowding - April 17, 2024 at 03:58 PM

CM

“ *Conrad M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.*



Conrad M. - April 17, 2024 at 01:56 PM

DK

“ *Connie & Family,  
Our sympathy to all of you! We sat next to him many times at 7:30 am mass and he always had a smile and a greeting ( usually a funny one!) Denny always appreciated his visits with Terry.*  
*Denny & JuLee Kallenbach*

Denny & JuLee Kallenbach - April 17, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.*



April 17, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



April 17, 2024 at 11:49 AM



“ Andersen Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry Michael Winkler.

Andersen Family - April 17, 2024 at 11:49 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



April 17, 2024 at 11:28 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



April 17, 2024 at 11:19 AM

PL

“ Peggy L. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



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**Peggy L.** - April 17, 2024 at 10:35 AM

JL

“ Terry was a wonderful guy with an ever present smile and a very giving heart! When our dad died and mom lived across the street from Terry, he would help her out so much by clearing the snow off driveway, helping her out in anyway she can. It was so much appreciated as a lot of the time we lived out of state. he was a great friend a wonderful neighbor and will be very much missed by this community!

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**Jack Lenhart** - April 17, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



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April 17, 2024 at 08:30 AM

FV

“ From Steve and Deb Vencil purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



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**From Steve and Deb Vencil** - April 17, 2024 at 08:11 AM

SW

“ Scott & Nicky Woeste purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



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**Scott & Nicky Woeste** - April 16, 2024 at 09:01 PM

SW

“ Scott & Nicky Woeste planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry Michael Winkler.

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**Scott & Nicky Woeste** - April 16, 2024 at 09:01 PM

TU

“ The Ueckerts purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



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**The Ueckerts** - April 16, 2024 at 04:23 PM

RL

“ Rich & Kathy Lewis purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



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**Rich & Kathy Lewis** - April 16, 2024 at 02:30 PM

SD

“ Shawn, Laurel, Miles and Breckin DeRoin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



Shawn, Laurel, Miles and Breckin DeRoin - April 16, 2024 at 01:49 PM

LC

“ Laurie, Amy, Jill, Chad purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



Laurie, Amy, Jill, Chad - April 16, 2024 at 12:49 PM

JM

“ Don and I are heartbroken to hear of the passing of Terry. He and Connie were great neighbors and friends. Praying for peace and comfort for the family.

Janet Mott - April 16, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.



April 16, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.*



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April 16, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Love, Jim & Amy Hegvik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry Michael Winkler.*

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**Love, Jim & Amy Hegvik** - April 16, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.*



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April 16, 2024 at 09:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Terry Michael Winkler.*



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April 15, 2024 at 05:26 PM