



Winston Murray

June 30, 1926 - June 6, 2012

Winston M. Murray age 85 of Grand Detour passed away on Wednesday June 6, 2012 at his home while surrounded by his family. He was born June 30, 1926 in Kewanee, IL the son of Herbert and Ardis (Adams) Murray. Winston was a WW II Army veteran and after his service he enrolled at Iowa State University. After two years he returned to the family farm, where he worked until resuming his education at the University of Illinois. After completing his degree, he joined Farm Service (now Growmark Inc.) where he worked 27 years, retiring in 1986 as a Regional Marketing Director. Winston was an active participant in civic and community affairs. He was a dedicated member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis Club (Kiwanian of the Year 2007-08), and Illinois Farm Bureau; and he served 18 years on the KSB Hospital board, including two terms as chair. His volunteer service with PADS helped establish a new facility for the organization. He was named Dixon Citizen of the Year in 2008. Winston married Joan "Jo" Green December 25, 1947 in Toulon, IL. She preceded him in death November 27, 2007. He was also preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Patricia, a granddaughter Faith. He is survived by his children Michael (Libby) Murray of Charleston, IL, Cynthia Murray of Davenport, IA, Suzan (Tom) Schober-Murray of Green Bay, WI and Rodney (Andrea) Murray of Seattle, WA; four granddaughters Lauren, Andrea, Shannon and Melissa; three great grandchildren, Nikayla, Brooke and Carter; brother Hayden (Juanita) Murray of Bloomington, IN; numerous nieces and nephews; and his faithful canine companion, Brodie. The family wishes to

extend a special thanks to Tawny Hamill and Serenity Hospice and Home for their loving care. Memorial services will be held on Saturday June 9, 2012 at 10:00 AM in the First Presbyterian Church in Dixon with the Rev. David Spaulding officiating. Burial of cremains will follow at 2:00 PM in the Elmira Cemetery in Elmira, IL. Calling hours will be on Friday June 8, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Jones Funeral Home. Memorial gifts may be designated to: First Presbyterian Church, KSB Hospital, or Serenity Hospice and Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Winston Murray*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Winston Murray*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Mike, your father's obituary tells the tale of a great man. I never had the pleasure of meeting him, but I can see much of his spirit in you and how you live your life. I send prayers of peace to you and your family as you celebrate your father's earthly life.*

-Robyn

Robyn Carr - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I lived in Dixon for 15 years and met Jo and Winston through First Presbyterian Church. They were both wonderful people. I have fond memories of picnics at their home, of Winston loading and unloading Jo's vintage clothing for one event or another. Their love for each other was as strong as their faith and love in Christ. I miss them both very much. I won't be able to attend the service, but will keep you in my prayers.*

Martha Rolf - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ As a Sales Manager at Carroll Service Company in Lanark, IL in the 70s and General Manager of Boone CTY Service Co. in Belvidere in the 80s I had the pleasure of working with Winston. He was a true gentleman and ever upbeat FS employee always willing to help the member companies to grow thier businesses.
I am sorry to hear of Winston's passing.
Ron Smith

Ronald Smith - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Cindy and Family,
We are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Anne Goodman - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Our deepest sympathies to Winstons family. I had the pleasure of working with Winston in Iowa in the 1970's and again on the Northern Retion FS staff in the early 1980's. Always a gentleman and always positive in his work. One of the finest men I have had the pleasure of working with in the GROWMARK System.

In addition to an excellent working relationship, Winston was a valued personal friend. He told us at the last Pioneers Club meeting that he was having serious health problems and was sad because he had a real zest for living and being a helper to anyone in need.

Winston Murray will be missed by many people and we are among the many.

Dwayne and Elaine Johnson

Dwayne and Elaine Johnson - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I always working with Winston. He always had a positive attitude.

Howard & Dona Sheckler - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I just went thru Mom and Dad's condolence cards. Your dad had written a note to our family from the Murray Clan. It meant a lot to me! I also enjoyed visiting with him at Polly's on summer day for lunch not long ago. He will be missed!

Barbara Fate - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Our thoughts are with you during this very difficult time. Dean worked with your father and we share many wonderful memories of time spent with your Mom and Dad in Dixon. They were always caring, thoughtful, and fun. We hope that your memories bring you peace and comfort.
Deepest sympathy in your loss.

Dean and Cassie Hanley - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Suzan,
We are so glad that we got to know your parents over the past several years. I always envied you when they visited because I knew they had requested that you prepare a to-do list of things they could do for you while they were here. The evidence of their projects is apparent in so many places especially when we look around the yard - from the multitude of tulips in the circle to the funky bird feeder in the back. You are so blessed to have had such special parents; and they will live forever in your hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love,
Tom and Pat

Pat and Tom Aziere - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *My sympathy to Winston's Family on the death of your father. Winston and I worked together in the Growmark System for years. We had a great relationship. After retirement we stayed in touch as I lived in Galva and he was always coming back to Stark County. He was a gentleman in every way. I will miss seeing him at the Growmark Pioneer Club and exchanging Christmas Cards.*

Walt Schuttler - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *We are so sorry about Winston. We have many good memories from our FS days of our trip together & Visiting each other. Please accept our sincere sympathy with love, Al Rush*

J. Allen Rush - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Enjoyed a long working relationship with Winston in the Growmark system. A very great gentleman and good friend.
He will be missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing him.
Maury and Gladys Martin

Maury and Gladys Martin - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Winston was a true gentleman and was always ready and willing to provide assistance to the "youngsters" in the GROWMARK organization. He truly "walked the talk" in being part of a community and was involved for the good of all. May the memories of the good times with Winston comfort you at this time of his passing on to his eternal reward. Your family is being remembered in my prayers.

Tom Salrin - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Cindy,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the visitation, but don't hesitate to call if you need a shoulder to lean on.

Jen Bernard

Jenny Bernard - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Cindy,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I know you were really close and this time is going to be extremely difficult for you and your family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do for you, or if you need me to check up on anything in the QC while you're there, please let me know. Cherish the good times and the sadness will lessen and fade with time--as you well know. I love you and wish you peace and strength!

Beth Heaney - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM