



Ralph E. Winship

September 5, 1920 - March 4, 2015

Ralph E. Winship, 94, of Morton, passed away at 10:28pm, Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at UnityPoint Health-Methodist in Peoria.

Ralph was born September 5, 1920 in Henry, IL to the late Walter and Minnie Putcamp Winship. He married Doris A. Greene in November 18, 1945 in Sparland, IL. She preceded him in death on June 3, 2013.

Surviving is one daughter, Barbara (Michael) Hutchins of Morton; son-in-law, David Blease of Delavan; 5 grandchildren: Tracy (Derek) Anderson ,Sean Hutchins (Missy Wiegand), Nicola Perry (& Lyndon), all of Pekin; Stephen Blease (& Amy Connell) of Stoughton, WI, and Amy Blease (& Chris Robinson) of Worcester, England; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ralph was also preceded in death by his daughter, Carol Blease, 4 brothers, and 1 sister.

Ralph grew up on the family farm in Putnam County where he developed a strong work ethic and a love of the outdoors and duck hunting. He was a proud World War II veteran and recipient of several medals, including a Purple Heart and a Distinguished Flying Cross. He flew 52 missions in the South Pacific with the Army Air Corps as B-25 tailgunner and was honorably discharged in 1944. After the war, Ralph got his pilot license and shared a Piper Cub and the joy of flying with his brothers. He retired in 1979 from Texaco. He continued to enjoy hunting and shooting trap well into his eighties. He enjoyed woodworking and spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

A funeral service, with military honors will be held at 7:00pm, Monday, March 9, 2015 at Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory in East Peoria. Visitation will begin at 5:00pm Monday, until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Interment will be at 10:00am, Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at Putnam Cemetery, in Putnam. Rev. Glenn Ioder will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Miller Senior Center transportation fund or the ALS Association, Peoria chapter.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 699-5999
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Service

MAR **9**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

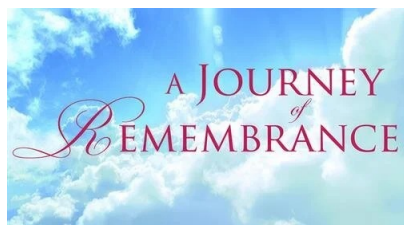
MAR **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Putnam Cemetery
Putnam, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph E. Winship*



Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - March 10, 2015 at 03:44 PM

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“ *My sympathy to the Winship Family. I am Patricia Brigham Polson. Grew up down the road from Aunt Carrie and Uncle Harry Elliott. Loved them dearly. As a young gal, when Aunt Carrie went to live with Minnie, my family came to know the Winship family and I have wonderful memories of that. Ralph used to land in our field on our farm north of Princeton, take us for rides. Even let me fly the airplane. I was the daredevil and was always up to the stunts he would do. Way up, then dive bomb, all kinds of things. My Mom said she could hear me screaming all the while. Mom and Dad were Blanche and Dexter Brigham. Have a sister, Lucile and brother, Dexter. When I was engaged, he even landed at Merle's farm and took them for rides. Every time we pass the farm, I look over to where they kept the plane and remember all the good memories. I still decorate Aunt Carrie and Uncle Harry's graves. Just wanted you to know the spot your family has in my heart. Sincerely, Pat Polson*

Patricia Brigham Polson - March 18, 2015 at 02:56 PM

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“ Pat Hutchins and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ralph E. Winship.



Pat Hutchins and family - March 09, 2015 at 10:48 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Winship.



March 08, 2015 at 04:03 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Winship.



March 07, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Winship.



March 07, 2015 at 10:23 AM

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“ *Ralph Winship and his friend Bill Turner taught me to shoot trap back in the 1970s. He was also a friend. I still think of them every time I go to the club.*

EDWARD J KAVANAUGH

Cordova IL

My heartfelt condolences to the family.

edward kavanaugh - March 07, 2015 at 08:15 AM