



Michael "Windy" Winchester

May 27, 1948 - November 14, 2016

Sammie Michael "Windy" Winchester, 68, of Muncie, formerly of New Castle, passed away peacefully at home on the morning of Monday, November 14, 2016.

He was born on May 27, 1948, in Albany, Kentucky, a son of the late William "Bill" and Irene (Ballenger) Denny.

Mike was a 1966 graduate of New Castle Chrysler High School. He attended Tri-State University and Lincoln Technical Institute. On May 3, 1969 Mike married his life-long love, Madonna Cole. He worked 30 years at Chrysler Corporation in New Castle.

Mike was a friend to everyone. He always had a joke and was always there to help you fix anything. He enjoyed rebuilding cars and motorcycles as well as fishing, scuba diving and racing. Mike was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Muncie. He and his wife loved rescuing St. Bernards including his long-term companion Max. The thing Mike enjoyed most was spending time in Grandpa's workshop, where payments were made with hugs and kisses for Poppie.

Those cherishing his memory include his loving wife of 47 years, Madonna (Cole) Winchester; three children, Steven Michael (wife: Tammy) Winchester

of Muncie, Ashleih Sean Bertram (fiancé: Greg Cauble) of Fishers and Aaron Blaine Winchester (husband: Jeremy Frodge) of Carmel; nine grandchildren, Sara Winchester, Megan (husband: Chad) Williams, Tiffany Winchester, Sheriton Winchester, Tallinna and Phillip Rucker, Mariah Bertram and Kayden Wright, and Trenton Winchester; three great-grandchildren, McKinley, Piper and Phoebe; a former daughter-in-law, Jennifer Waters; a brother, Jeff Winchester of New Castle; a sister, Beth (husband: Wayne) Schaffter of Anderson; two brothers-in-law, William "Bill" Cowan of Losantville and Jim Cole of New Castle and his daughter, Tanya Cole of Kokomo and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his biological father, William Samuel Winchester; a sister, Barbara "Sue" Cowan and a sister-in-law, Adelaide Cole.

The family will receive friends from 4 - 8 pm Friday, November 18, 2016 at Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle with cremation to follow.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 3:00 pm Thursday, December 29, 2016 at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the St. Bernard Rescue Foundation, www.saintrescue.org. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Sammie Michael Winchester.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-2400
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

Celebration of Life

DEC **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Madonna and family. We were unable to extend our sympathies in person but wanted you to know how sorry we were to hear of Mike's passing. He was a great guy-loved to laugh and have a good time. We know he will be missed. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. Pete and Sheila Wooten*

Sheila Wooten - November 19, 2016 at 08:19 AM

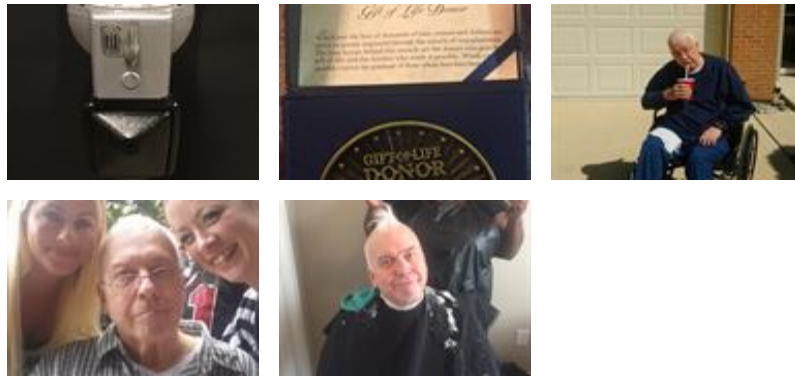
AW

Thank you. We hope you and your family are doing well.

Aaron Winchester - December 30, 2016 at 05:08 AM



“ *8 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 18, 2016 at 11:14 AM

JE

“ *Julie Hoskins & Jeremy Eldridge purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael "Windy" Winchester.*



Julie Hoskins & Jeremy Eldridge - November 18, 2016 at 10:45 AM

MK

“ *Madonna and all your family - I am sorry for the ordeal you have been called upon to endure. I am grateful for the many happy moments Mike brought to your life and the memories you get to re-live. May God's great mercy comfort you.*

Michael Kirby - November 17, 2016 at 07:07 PM

BZ

“ *Madonna and family:*

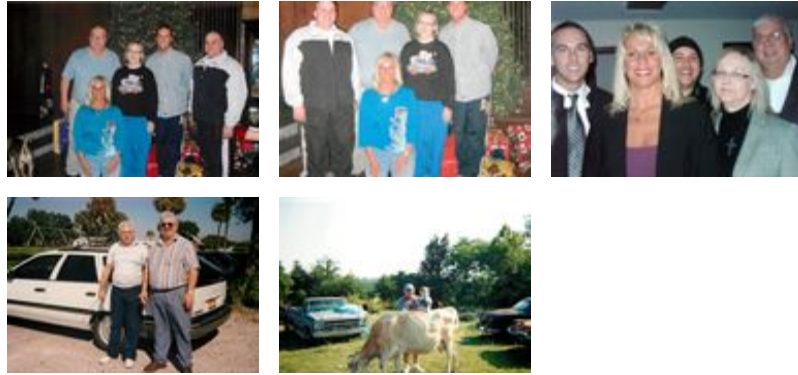
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincere condolences, may many wonderful memories bring you and yours comfort at this time. Peace be with you today, tomorrow and always. Do take care. Thinking of you.

Mark & Belinda Bates Zahnle

Belinda Bates Zahnle - November 17, 2016 at 06:28 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 17, 2016 at 03:08 PM

DW

“ *Madonna and Family,*

I was saddened to hear of Mike's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Debbie Dann Weaver

Debbie Weaver - November 17, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Windy" Winchester.*



November 17, 2016 at 08:12 AM

CF

“ *Carole Vankirk, Chris,.Bob, Aunt Bobbie and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Michael "Windy" Winchester.*



Carole Vankirk, Chris,.Bob, Aunt Bobbie and family -
November 16, 2016 at 09:49 PM

CV

“ *Ashleigh, Madonna, Mariah, Kayden and Mike's family and loved ones, please know we share your loss. Mike was a very special person. I am honored to have known him. Isaiah 41:13*



Carole Vankirk - November 16, 2016 at 09:06 PM

BA

“ *Hi Bobby Allen was a caregiver for mr. Mike's Winchester who always told me those good old jokes made me laugh was a lovable person I'm really going to miss him my love goes out to the family Miss Donna and his daughter Ashley and the rest of the family he would really be missed love you guys*

Bobby Allen - November 16, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Windy" Winchester.*



November 16, 2016 at 05:03 PM

LJ

“ I went to school with Mike. He was always a really nice guy. Sending sympathy to Madonna and family.
Class of 1966
Linda S. Johnson



Linda Johnson - November 16, 2016 at 12:40 PM

DM

“ Donna (Winchester) Marcum lit a candle in memory of Michael "Windy" Winchester



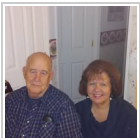
Donna (Winchester) Marcum - November 16, 2016 at 09:46 AM

CF

“ C-J. Ford lit a candle in memory of Michael "Windy" Winchester



C-J. Ford - November 16, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ Mike we had so many fun times when you and Linda managed DQ back many years ago . You will be missed by many and so sorry for the heartache your family is facing. God Bless you Jeff Madonna and family prayers for comfort and strength

Joyce Conyers - November 15, 2016 at 11:11 PM

AW

So nice to hear from you, Joyce. All of us kids have such fond memories of you, Linda, and Brenda.

Aaron Winchester - November 16, 2016 at 08:07 PM

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It's nice to see your name, Joyce. All of us have fond memories of you, Linda, and Brenda.

Aaron Winchester - November 16, 2016 at 08:08 PM

SH

“ A friend as far back as grammar school, remembering I'm one week older than he. I'd caution him to respect his elders, he'd call me an old lady. Always a nice guy and good pal. Sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My sincere condolences to his loved ones. Classmate of Class Of 1966, Susan Wiles Hall



Susan Wiles Hall - November 15, 2016 at 09:11 PM

TC

“ Tanya Cole lit a candle in memory of Michael "Windy" Winchester



Tanya Cole - November 15, 2016 at 09:04 PM

JB

“ *Judy Nichols Barber lit a candle in memory of Michael "Windy" Winchester*



Judy Nichols Barber - November 15, 2016 at 08:28 PM

JJ

“ *Madonna, I am so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Sending love and prayers for you and your family. God Bless!
Love, Jane (Bronnenberg) Johnson*



Jane Johnson - November 15, 2016 at 07:00 PM

JW

“ *Jeff Winchester purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Michael "Windy" Winchester.*



Jeff Winchester - November 15, 2016 at 06:09 PM

 Lois
Herbert

“ *so very sorry for your loss Jeff....prayers for peace and comfort... Jeff & Lois....*



Lois Herbert - November 15, 2016 at 06:08 PM

AS

“ *Ashleih lit a candle in memory of Michael
"Windy" Winchester*



Ashleih - November 15, 2016 at 03:47 PM

SD

*I am so sorry for your loss, Madonna. My prayers go out to you and
your family.*

*Susan (Staton) Davis
Class of 1968*

Susan (Staton) Davis - November 17, 2016 at 08:51 AM