



O. Jerrold "OJ" Winski

September 3, 1937 - March 6, 2013



O. Jerrold "OJ" Winski, age 75, of La Porte, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at his home in La Porte, Indiana. OJ was born on September 3, 1937 in Michigan City, Indiana, to Henry and Mildred (Gram) Winski. On December 14, 1985, in San Antonio, Texas, he married Barbara Jean Wagner, who survives. Services will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2013 11:00 AM at Sinai Temple in Michigan City, IN with Rabbi Reni Dickman officiating. Visitation will be Saturday, March 9, 2013 2:00 to 6:00 PM at Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home 613 Washington St. Michigan City, IN. Burial will be in Sinai Temple Cemetery, Michigan City, IN. OJ is also survived by his children, Anthony (Kathryn) Winski of Chesterton, Indiana, Nichol (Michael) Bliwas of Glencoe, Illinois, Alexa (Joshua) Kutch of South Bend, Indiana, and Benjamin Winski of La Porte, Indiana; his grandchildren, Ellyn Rose and Maximus Winski, and Emma Rose, Isabella, and Charles Bliwas. He is also survived by his sister, Gail Stone, Chicago, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved daughter, Carey Rose Winski. OJ graduated from Elston High School in 1955. In 1959, he graduated from the University of Michigan Business School, and in 1962, he graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar Association on November 15, 1962, the Indiana Bar Association on May 22, 1963 and the Texas Bar Association on October 11, 1985. He started his law career in 1962 as a labor lawyer and traveled nationwide

representing employers before the National Labor Relations Board. In 1964, he was co-founder of the law firm of Winski & Dabagia in Michigan City, IN. From July 1984–June 1993, he was a partner with the McCamish Law Firm in San Antonio, TX. His greatest experience during his law career was his representation of the owners of the San Antonio Spurs Basketball Club during the sale of its franchise in 1992. OJ moved his family back to LaPorte, IN, in 1993 and practiced as a sole practitioner until 2011. At that point, he joined the law firm of Braje, Nelson & Janes in an of-counsel role. He retired on December 31, 2012. OJ was a founding member of the Michigan City Junior Achievement, past president and member of the Board of Trustees of Sinai Temple, past president and member of the Board of Directors of Pottawattomie Country Club, past member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan City YMCA, and Instructor of Business Law at the Purdue Extension at Barker Center from 1966–1970. He was also a member of the American Bar Association and the Michigan City Bar Association. His greatest love was his family. His second love was the practice of law and he had a great passion for the game of golf. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, any donations can be made to the Carey Rose Winski Foundation, and mailed to the following address: Carey Rose Winski Memorial P.O. Box 1125 Michigan City, IN. 46361 C/O Horizon Trust To sign guestbook or leave condolences visit [www. Carlislefh.com](http://www.Carlislefh.com)



Bobbie Fissgus left a message on March 13, 2013:

Dear Barb, I am so very sorry. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and the kids. I deeply regret that I can't be there for you. I remember many times watching you and Jerry and thinking how devoted to each other you were. Please take care of yourself. I love you Bobbie



Phillip Goldberg left a message on March 12, 2013:

OJ was a great friend and mentor to me and great friend to our family. He always showed a genuine interest in others and had a great sense of humor and smile that lifted those he was around. He will truly be missed by our family and the many people whose lives he touched. A toast to you OJ!



Chris Bohle left a message on March 11, 2013:

My deepest sympathies to the family.



Kathy Pahs-Rhodes left a message on March 10, 2013:

Jerry was a very thoughtful person and I enjoyed knowing and working with him thru the title insurance industry. He will be missed.

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Ted Topolski left a message on March 10, 2013:

My family extends our condolences to the entire Winski family. Jerry was always a total gentleman whether it was in a business situation or a social setting. His passing is a big loss for the Michigan City community. He was a great role model for all. He is in our prayers.



Ned Leiby left a message on March 10, 2013:

Dear Winski Family, My sincerest condolences on your loss. Over the years I got to know Jerry through my father's accounts of their friendship and business dealings. I was fortunate to work with Jerry on a few matters. He was a brilliant, wise lawyer and true gentleman. With deepest sympathy, Ned Leiby



Cindy Simpson left a message on March 10, 2013:

I worked for Jerry at a law firm in Michigan City a handful of years ago....I loved the family like atmosphere that we had there..you could see how passionate he was about his work....he was really good to me...he will be missed....



Max Barrick left a message on March 10, 2013:

Barb: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. OJ was one of my favorite guys, a true friend and confidant. He will be missed but remembered in the brightest light. Max Barrick



Al Volle left a message on March 10, 2013:

With our sympathy. Al & Caryl Volle



Joe and Barb Vath left a message on March 9, 2013:

Our condolences to the O. Jerold Winski Family. May he rest in piece. Joe our thoughts and prayers are with your sister and the entire family.



Peggy Lusco left a message on March 9, 2013:

Barb, So sorry to hear about your husbands passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Ted Gawronski left a message on March 9, 2013:

Sorry to hear about OJ's passing. Known him as a business associate and a friend.. Jerry was one guy you will never forget..He loved his golf..Sorry can't attend the funeral for I'm in Detroit with the grand kids. Deepest Sympathies Ted Gawronski



Matt DiCianni left a message on March 9, 2013:

Lexi and Josh, I am very sorry for your loss. Although I never met your father, Lexi, he seemed like a great man. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. -Matt DiCianni



Ted Reese left a message on March 9, 2013:

Jerry, I will miss you. Whenever I needed some business advice or stuck on a legal issue you were always available and provided excellent guidance. I will also miss your friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with your family as they look for peace and courage in the days ahead. With sincere sympathy, Ted



Sarah Williams left a message on March 8, 2013:

Nicky and Family, Our deepest condolences on the loss of your father. Sincerely, The Williams Family (Sarah, Jim, Steve, Dan, Eric, and our parents, Jim & Lucille)



Phil & Maria Dabagia left a message on March 8, 2013:

Our condolence to the family on the passing of a good and decent person. One who represented his family in the best of everything.



Debbie & Dave Christian left a message on March 8, 2013:

Sending love and prayers to the family. We have wonderful memories of his passion for his family and watching our children play tennis. He will be greatly missed.



Drumm Osborn left a message on March 8, 2013:

Please know that all the Winski's are in our thoughts and prayers. Though we have lost a great man, he leaves a lasting legacy for his family, friends and community that remains with us all.



Sharon Miles and Family left a message on March 8, 2013:

Barb and family, I am so sorry to hear the news of OJ's passing. Our family will pray for peace for your family

during this time.



Laura Harlib Therrien left a message on March 8, 2013:

To Our Dearest Extended Winski Family, Our hearts are breaking for all of you. We grew up living next door to Uncle Jerry...then later all of us moving to Edgewood. So many traditions we all shared... along with fond treasured memories we have from growing up surrounded by his love and family. A life well lived is a precious gift. May the beautiful memories you have of him... warm your hearts forever and ever. Your all in our deepest thoughts and prayers. Much love, Arlene & Laura Harlib Therrien xox



Pueblo FP&A Team left a message on March 8, 2013:

Tony and Family - our thoughts are with you and we wish you the best as you come together during this challenging time.



Susie (Gole) Degnegaard left a message on March 8, 2013:

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Winski family during this most difficult time. Jerry was a great man and he will be missed greatly.



Jerry Halasz left a message on March 8, 2013:

The entire Halasz family in The Dayton, Ohio area sends deepest condolences to the Winski Family. May OJ's memory be for a blessing. From Maxine, Jerry, Dr. Michael, Teri & the kids, Scott and Rabbi Karen Bodney-Halasz and Jonah.



D Kavanagh left a message on March 8, 2013:

I just read of Jerry's passing...I remember when beautiful Carey Rose died and all of us were looking for Jerry and Evie and their friends that night...the tribute to Jerry after that great tragedy, was his ability to rebuild his life and his family. As a young woman that always made an impression on me....now in your grief I hope you will remember how Jerry handled his loss and grief, with dignity. Peace to his family and many friends.



Colin Halfwassen left a message on March 8, 2013:

I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a great help to me as an legal adviser and as a friend. A real gentleman. I will miss him.



Brenda & James Williams left a message on March 8, 2013:

Barb & Family, our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. OJ will always be remembered & I

am sure he will continue to watch over all of you.



Wilson Family left a message on March 8, 2013:

Our sympathies on your loss. It is always very hard to lose those we love but we were given the gift of having them in our lives and now it is time for them to be with God. Jim, Darlene, Alex Wilson



Jason Knupp EDP Group left a message on March 8, 2013:

Condolences to the family. Brennie and I know how tough a time this is and will be praying for all the Winski family. God bless each of you and give you peace through this time.



Jim Callan left a message on March 8, 2013:

Jerry helped my family and my company many times during his life. It went way beyond representing us. He took personal interest in how his expertise shaped our lives. Thanks Jerry



Greg Winski left a message on March 7, 2013:

You lived your life with love of family and friends and were the Patriarch of our family since 1990. You served us well, you made us proud to call you cousin, father, grandpa and brother. You will be missed and your legacy will be carried on through the rest of our family. Rest well, Jerry until we meet once more.



Jon & Judy Keene left a message on March 7, 2013:

Barb and Family, We can not express what we feel at the loss of your husband and father, our hearts are heavy. Jerry was a GREAT MAN, he loved his family more than anything. We will always remember him as a strong man and a man of honor who cared so deeply about people. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers, we are praying for peace in your hearts at this time of loss and that Our God will be with you every second as you go through this sad journey. Love You All.

Geisen Funeral Home left a message:

Please accept our deepest condolences for your family's loss.