



Edward L. Winthrop

March 2, 1922 - February 11, 2023

Dedicated to family and country, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Edward L. Winthrop of Leawood, Kansas, passed away on February 11, 2023. Born in Duluth, Minnesota, on March 2, 1922, he attended Central High School where he played football, basketball, and ice hockey, enjoyed ski jumping at the Chester Bowl Ski Jump and earned an Eagle Scout designation.

Ed graduated from The United States Military Academy at West Point (Class of 1945) where he played varsity ice hockey. He met the love of his life, Tevi Marcella Raidman, while studying Electrical Engineering at Ohio State University and married in 1950. For the next twenty-two years, they enjoyed a military life that took them to many posts in the United States as well as Korea, Japan and Germany. Ed served as the Commanding Officer of the 24th Signal Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, Augsburg and the Chief Communications Officer for the Berlin Command.

After retirement from the United States Army, Ed and family settled in Leawood, Kansas, where he began his second chapter earning a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1972. At the age of 50, Ed embarked on a 36-year career as a practicing attorney in Johnson County. He also served as Judge of the Leawood Municipal Court for four years. He was a long-time member of the West Point Society of Greater Kansas City serving as President for 15 years. Ed and Tevi enjoyed golf, duplicate bridge, the theater, opera and traveling the world.

Ed is survived by his son, James Douglas Winthrop and wife, Debbie of Reisterstown, MD; daughter, Barbara Gene Winthrop and husband, Jay Steinfeld of Houston, TX; grandchildren: Lindsey Winthrop Boswell and husband, Doug of Camp Hill, PA; Nicholas Foard Winthrop of Irvine, CA; Jenny Winthrop Rose and husband, Dan of Alexandria, VA; and Ted Winthrop Rose of Houston, TX; great-grandchildren: Clara, Madison, Evy and Aaron. Ed welcomed into his family Jay's children: Esther Steinfeld Freedman and husband, Doug of Houston, TX; Craig Steinfeld and wife, Jennifer of Denver, CO; and Alec Steinfeld of New York, NY; Jay's grandchildren: Naomi, Tova, Micah, Leo, Stella and

Austin. Also, survived by his sister-in-law, Barbara Cowan Winthrop and many cousins, nephews and nieces. Preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Tevi Winthrop; his parents George and Mary Tesler Winthrop; his younger brothers, Sydney, Harvey and Sherman; sisters-in-law, Esther Winthrop and Belle Toole; and brother-in-law Connie Toole, all of blessed memory.

Ed's family would like to thank Branden Comfort, MD and Christine Bouchard, RN for their excellent and compassionate care as well as Jerry Kramper and Jim Ensz for their friendship and support.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 1:30 PM EST, Jewish Chapel, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY followed immediately by Military Honors at the grave site, West Point Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Ed to the West Point Association of Graduates / Superintendent's Annual Fund, 698 Mills Road, West Point, NY 10996 (<https://www.westpointaog.org/suptsannualfund>), or to the University of Kansas Medical Center – Endowment Office, Branden Comfort, MD, General Internal Medicine Division, 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Mailstop 3012, Kansas City, KS 66160 (www.kuendowment.org/givenow and scroll to “Choose area(s)” and select “Other” and in the “Other purpose” box write “General Medicine Research Fund – Branden Comfort, MD”).

Cemetery Details

West Point Cemetery

329 Washington Road
West Point, NY 10996

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 1:30 PM (ET)

Military Academy Jewish Chapel
329 Washington Road
West Point, NY 10996

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *My condolences, Jim. So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. With fond memories, Marsha Pener Johnston*

marsha - March 23 at 09:16 AM

SL

“ *My condolences to Barbara and her family on the loss of her dear father. I'm certain his legacy has left a lasting mark on her. She's a very compassionate woman and oftentimes contributes not only to her family but her community. Baruch Dayan haemet.*

Sarah Iascar - March 03 at 03:03 PM

BG

“ *I am mourning today for someone who was a part of my life for so many, many years. Ed was my second cousin who was born in 1922 in Duluth, MN just two weeks after me. We were almost like sister and brother. I have so many memories, as you can imagine, that it is difficult to list them. Our families were very close, of course, so it was natural that we celebrated every occasion together. Thanksgiving was always at the Winthrop house and the High Holy Days at the Crystals. I remember wonderful family picnics when the whole community gathered at Pike Lake or Solon Springs for the day and all the mothers cooked enough food to feed an army.*

In retrospect, the years went by quickly and after graduating from high school our lives took different paths but we never completely lost touch with each other. I followed Ed's career with pride and joy and when he eventually returned to the States we reconnected. I met Tevi after they were married and my husband Arthur and I visited with them when they settled in Kansas. It is too bad we did not live closer so we could see them more often. At any rate, Ed and I exchanged birthday cards every year with an update of that was going on with our families (whether good or bad) and an occasional phone call when we just felt the need to talk. I am so glad I made that last call just a few days before he left us. I will miss him. Bea Crystal Goldberg

Beatrice Goldberg - March 02 at 11:51 PM

AF

“ I send condolences to Jim and other members of Ed's family. When I was in high school, he was the first Army officer, and the first West Point graduate, I had ever met. He was strait-laced in some ways, but he was still a gentle soul who welcomed Jim's friends to his home and seemed happy to spend time with them. I'm confident you all have many happy memories of him, and of your kind mother Tevi, to provide you comfort in the days ahead. Take good care of yourselves.

Art Federman - March 01 at 08:44 PM