



Albert Winchester

December 13, 1948 - November 29, 2023

Al Winchester, born December 13, 1948, passed suddenly on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, from complications of being a “Winchester”. A Holly area native, Al was renowned for his sense of humor, those baby blue eyes and being the consummate lady’s man. He was preceded in death by his Mom (Betty) and father (Steve), brothers (Steve and Larry), sisters (Alice Jean, Gail and Karen) and son, Dennis Winchester. Father to daughter, Toni Anderson, the proudest Grandfather to Damen Winchester and Jenni Anderson, and Great Grandfather to Dawsen Winchester (Damen). Nothing made Al happier than racing snowmobiles with Winchester Racing 123 in Houghton Lake with his Grandson Damen; he would often boast about how proud he was to be a grandfather. Al also leaves behind a gang of beloved nieces and nephews, along with numerous sisters and brothers from another mother.

As a Master Mason, Al laid brick on some of our own local gems like Ascension Genesys Hospital, Holly High School, Bottom’s Up and your neighbor’s garage. Him and his brother Larry even repaired the rock wall at Lakeside Cemetery out of the goodness of their hearts. Because he was Al Winchester, he never missed a chance to help a friend or at least tell them what they were doing wrong. As a retired bachelor, Al enjoyed racing and working on his snowmobiles, golf, animals (mainly chihuahuas), and flirting with (some may say terrorizing) the local bartenders. One for inside jokes, but “not one to gossip”, Al had a playful way of including each one of his friends in his shenanigans and sharing exactly how he felt about any situation. Strong in opinion and quick with a joke, Al was always surrounded by dear friends and held lasting friendships spanning all the decades of his long life. For many years you would find Al sitting right next to his brother Larry, carrying out a comedy routine that left all those around them in uproarious laughter. Whether it was during his many years playing and coaching softball, his years as a mason, the many, many years as a Moose member, bar stool benefactor, or delivering treats and small gifts for his friends kids it surely came with a bright smile. Al spread love to many with thoughtful gifts, a beer, a hug, and a smooch. If Al Winchester was anything, he was a man that loved hard and out loud.

Unapologetic and a force to be reckoned with, Al Winchester lived life exactly the way he wanted. Why? Because he was a Winchester.

We invite you celebrate Al's long life among his family and friends on Saturday, December 16th at 2pm at Dryer Funeral Home. Followed by a dinner brought to you by Backroads Bar and Grill, who have generously offered to host all of us family, friends, misfits and Winchesters.... don't forget to buy your buddy a beer and flirt with your waitress. Al wouldn't have it any other way.

We ask that in lieu of flowers and other things that may wither away, much like the economy, the Detroit Tigers, or our trust in the federal government, we ask that you bring a child's toy for the Backroad's Bar and Grill Toy Drive in honor of our friend. Al would be so happy to know that we paid it forward for the kids.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert Winchester*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - December 18, 2023 at 09:26 AM

JR

“ *Janine Heather , Riley lit a candle in memory of Albert Winchester*



Janine , Heather , Riley - December 16, 2023 at 11:55 AM

SS

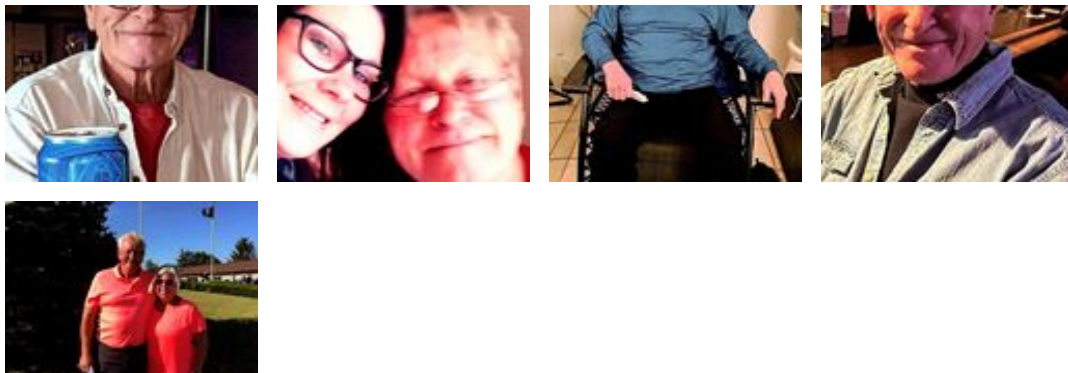
“ *Had lots of laughs with ya made me smile* ❤️



Sally Stotler - December 12, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *18 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - December 12, 2023 at 02:25 PM

RH

“ He was a very, fine feller.



Rod Haneline - December 11, 2023 at 05:22 PM

RA

“ Russ Deb Asbel lit a candle in memory of Albert Winchester



Russ and Deb Asbel - December 11, 2023 at 11:43 AM

BM

“ so sorry to hear of Als passing. Good guy to always depend on. He did the brick work on both of our houses we built and had a good time doing it with his crew. Little nervous when i would see the case of beer in the back of his truck tho the final job was perfect. Would recommend him to everyone and anyone who asked about him. May he brick the walls of heaven....

butchie & Tom Mackey - December 11, 2023 at 11:16 AM

TL

“ Thursday Early Golf League planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Winchester.

Thursday Early Golf League - December 08, 2023 at 07:21 PM

TL

“ Thursday Early Golf League purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Albert Winchester.



Thursday Early Golf League - December 08, 2023 at 07:21 PM

JC

“ *Al was always a rough and tough person, I first met him when he lived in White Lake. I enjoyed his banter and tales of him and my husband. Then later he moved to Holly and only 2 houses from me.*

Judy Cookston - December 08, 2023 at 11:41 AM

AE

“ *Angela Englund lit a candle in memory of Albert Winchester*



Angela Englund - December 07, 2023 at 04:58 PM

KW

“ *Karin Winchester lit a candle in memory of Albert Winchester*



Karin Winchester - December 07, 2023 at 10:51 AM

MJ

“ *Michelle Justice lit a candle in memory of Albert Winchester*



Michelle Justice - December 06, 2023 at 10:03 PM

BB

“ *Bernie Brooks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Winchester.*

Bernie Brooks - December 06, 2023 at 06:51 AM

BB

“ *Bernie Brooks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Albert Winchester.*



Bernie Brooks - December 06, 2023 at 06:51 AM

LM

“ *Laina Mobley lit a candle in memory of Albert Winchester*



Laina Mobley - December 05, 2023 at 09:27 PM

JH

“ *Al and I were friends before anything else , we did get together and were together almost 20 years before we decided to split and stay friend which we have remained to this day, he helped raise my daughter and grandson to which I am thankful, they loves him dearly and can't even think about being without him! We love you Al, always will and we know you know it!RIP, Janine Hoffman, Heather Hoffman and Riley*

Janine Hoffman - December 03, 2023 at 05:18 PM

TH

“ *Tony Jean Heron lit a candle in memory of Albert Winchester*



Tony & Jean Heron - December 03, 2023 at 01:38 PM

SP

“ *We will miss him coming into Holly Foods with his bright smile! We will miss you Al, RIP!*

Sue Pasztor - December 03, 2023 at 07:48 AM

RN

“ Al and I spent alot of time together as friends in white lake and Holly.though I have not seen him in many years I never forgot the good times. Randy Nelson

Randy Nelson - December 02, 2023 at 12:13 AM



“ Very sad to hear this about Al he was a great guy he played softball with my Dad back in the day and we all go camping together for tournaments he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Sending my condolences to the family and his friends



Traci Miller Pitt - December 01, 2023 at 11:53 AM

JV

Al was our family we all will miss him. I know my grandson Damen Winchester will miss him like crazy. They were racing buddies. The obituary was very nice. Spot on

Joanne vincent - December 02, 2023 at 05:11 PM

PY

So sorry Eileen. I will be thinking of you

Pam Yocom - December 03, 2023 at 02:12 PM