



Lt. Michael Winston

March 26, 1962 - January 5, 2018

Michael Winston, 55, of Lanesborough, passed away unexpectedly while on vacation in Fort Myers, FL on Friday, January 5, 2018. Born in Pittsfield on March 26, 1962 the son of John R. and Mary Lou Bolger Winston, he was a 1980 graduate of Taconic High School. He went on to receive his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA.

Mr. Winston began his career as a police officer in 1994. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in July of 2000 and achieved his current rank of Lieutenant in November of 2002. For the past 14 years, he served as commander of the Berkshire County Special Response Team where he worked to improve and enhance the capabilities of the team. Most notably, he helped upgrade the team's equipment and expand the team to include officers across the entire county.

During his time as a police officer, Lt. Winston received many Letters of Commendation. Among his proudest moments were being named the Terry Donnelly Police Officer of the Year in 1998 and receiving an Honorable Service Unit Citation for supporting the US Secret Service when First Lady Michelle Obama visited Pittsfield in 2013. One of his favorite yearly activities was representing the department on Pittsfield Public Schools Read Across America Day.

One of his most admirable qualities was his strong work ethic, devoting most of his time and energy to providing for his family. In addition to working as a full time police officer, Lt. Winston was the proud owner and operator of

Greenscapes Lawn Care.

Though a highly decorated member of the police force, his greatest joy was being with his family. Some of his fondest memories came from spending time on his pontoon boat with family and friends. When his children were young, his family enjoyed yearly trips to Ocean City, NJ and he became a frequent visitor of Ft. Myers, FL later on in life.

He was an avid sports fan and a dedicated fan of the Boston Red Sox and Pittsburgh Steelers. He enjoyed traveling to various major league ballparks to cheer on the Sox and made a tradition of seeing the Steelers at Heinz Field each season. Though a loyal fan of these professional franchises, he was an even bigger fan of his children, never missing a race, game, or violin recital - most recently traveling to New York City to see his daughter complete the New York City Marathon.

Lt. Winston began coaching Little League Baseball in 1999 in the Pittsfield North Little League, ultimately coaching his son through the 2009 season. He went on to coach in the Pittsfield Babe Ruth League, where he traveled to Arkansas to participate in the Babe Ruth World Series in 2012.

A lifelong resident of Berkshire County, Michael was a standout basketball player for the Taconic Braves. He was inducted into the Berkshire County Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014.

He is survived by the love of his life and partner of 30 years, Kate Gleason, his three daughters, Jessica, Kendall, Casey and son in-law, Bob, his son Andrew, grandson, Mason and his beloved Maltese-Pomeranian, Lucy. He is predeceased by his parents, John and Mary Lou Winston and his brother, David.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Lt. Michael Winston will be Friday, January 12, 2018, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by Rev. Michael J. Wood, Jr., Administrator and concelebrated by Rev. A. Peter Gregory, Pastor Emeritus. Calling hours will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA

01201. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Michael A. Winston Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church
89 Briggs Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Kate, please know that you, your children and extended family are in my heart and prayer as you all travel through this very painful and difficult time. Love, (Sr.) Julie

Julia Sullivan - January 14, 2018 at 11:03 AM

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“ Mike

*In thanks for the fullness
Of days spent together
The friends that we pray will
Be with us forever
The feelings we've shared,
The food and the fun
With faith that God's blessings
Have only begun*

The Connelly Family



Michael Connelly - January 12, 2018 at 08:37 AM



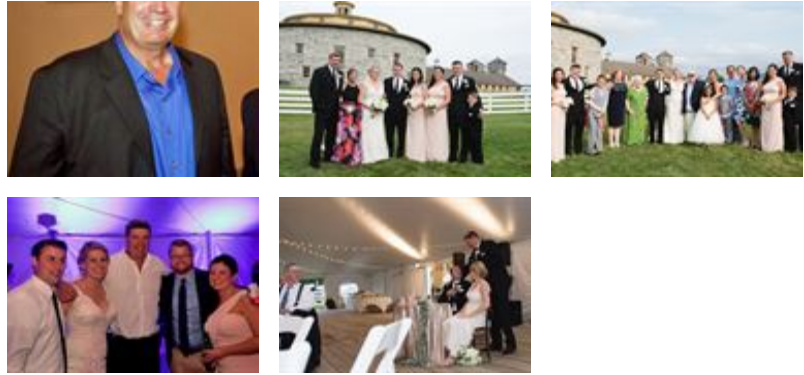
“ *Rich, Lisa, Simon, Elaina, Liza and George purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Lt. Michael Winston.*



Rich, Lisa, Simon, Elaina, Liza and George - January 11, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *66 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - January 11, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lt. Michael Winston.*



January 10, 2018 at 09:35 PM



“ We are so sorry about Michael . when I met mike the first time he was a faint he was a foot taller than me !then he said hello ,which show what a kind and understanding person he was ,Michael had my respect and I value his judgment as a friend and he will be truly missed!

Michelle Jones-Lopes - January 10, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Kate and her children. You are in my prayers. Christine Canning

Christine Canning-Wilson - January 10, 2018 at 03:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lt. Michael Winston.



January 10, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ Kate, Andrew, Jessica, Kendall and Casey,

I think I am still in shock so cannot imagine how you all must feel. Although I can't be there during this time be assured I have been thinking of you every day since I got the news. Sending you lots of love from Port Orange. Hang in there.

Diane Carey - January 10, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lt. Michael Winston.*



January 10, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lt. Michael Winston.*



January 10, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ *Denise Messana lit a candle in memory of Lt. Michael Winston*



Denise Messana - January 10, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lt. Michael Winston.*



January 10, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lt. Michael Winston.*



January 09, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lt. Michael Winston.*



January 09, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ *Kate,
Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Kate O'Brien*

Katherine OBrien - January 07, 2018 at 10:36 AM



*I am so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts.
Carla&Geoff Roy.*

Carla Roy - January 10, 2018 at 11:19 AM

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To Lt Winstons family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy.

Lt Winston with his calming, confident leadership style was one of my favorites. I often used Mike as an example when coaching new command level officers. I will miss him.

Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Most sincerely,

Chief Anthony J Riello (Ret.)

Anthony Riello - January 12, 2018 at 11:14 AM