



MSG George Leonard Winder

December 18, 1929 - November 9, 2025

Retired Master Sargeant George Leonard Winder, of Fayetteville, NC, completed his final change of station on Sunday, November 9, 2025. George gave 28 years of service in the United States Army, and several years as a financial advisor with Primerica after retirement.

George leaves behind his blended family, including wife Mary of 56 years, sons George (Marie), Brandon, stepsons Leslie Burrs (Carol), Stacy Burrs (Lisa), stepdaughter Robin Burrs (Susan), 6 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

George was preceded in death by his parents Wesley and Lelah, his brothers Billy, Dana, and John, and his sisters Wana, Dorothy, and Adelaide.

George was born & raised in Philadelphia, PA. In 1969 he married Mary after a long courtship and they moved to Fayetteville, NC., where George continued his Army career from which he retired in 1980.

George was a man of faith. He was active at St. Paul's in the Pines Episcopal Church, where he volunteered. He counted the offering, was head of the Ushers, and was active at most church special events. George even assisted on the Altar Guild. He lent his time and talents until his health dictated differently.

He was a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew. He appreciated receiving communion regularly the last few years of his life when he could no longer attend church in person.

George mentored and advised many young people during his lifetime, and each remembers his kindness, non-judgmental approach, and generous attitude of friendship.

George loved hearing – and telling – a good joke and story and could embellish as well as the next person. Before his health limited his mobility, he enjoyed dining out with his fellow veterans and with Brotherhood buddies.

He was able to spend eleven of the last twelve months of his life at home with the Love of his life, Mary, before completing his final mission at the Fayetteville Veterans Administration Medical Center.

At ease, soldier. Mission accomplished.

Job well done. Stand down.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of George L. Winder to St. Paul's in the Pines Episcopal Church.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's in the Pines Episcopal Church
1800 St. Paul Ave.
Fayetteville, NC 28304

Funeral Service

NOV **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Livestreaming

NOV **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Facebook: Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory-Fayetteville & Lumberton
<https://www.facebook.com/ColvinFuneralHomeCORP/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of MSG George Leonard Winder*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - November 20, 2025 at 03:05 PM



George Benton-Elliot

“ *Robin, my heart goes out to you, Susan, and your family. I wish you all peace.*

George Benton-Elliot - November 22, 2025 at 06:46 PM



George Benton-Elliot

“ *George Benton-Elliot lit a candle in memory of George Winder*



George Benton-Elliot - November 22, 2025 at 06:41 PM

FH

“ Mr. Winder, thanks for being a real life super hero to an admiring little boy many years ago! You were one of several MEN in the Chesnutt Hills neighborhood that provided sterling examples of love, kindness and leadership. You and my late father were TRUE SOLDIERS and PATRIOTS! It was a pleasure to have known you and rest easy! Fred


Fred Howard - November 22, 2025 at 01:08 PM

PJ

“ Pam and Bill Perham & The Jenerette's purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of MSG George Leonard Winder.



Pam and Bill Perham & The Jenerette's - November 22, 2025 at 11:11 AM


Cinnamon
Turner

“ My father and godfather George Winder were both Green Bret they fought together in Vietnam Nam. There bond was forged on the battle field together. George and Mary became the facet of my young life. George was my Godfather. My father passed away in a car accident on the audiubond in Germany. George came to my mother's aid not leaving her side til my after my father's burial. Both my parents and George are gone . I know his with Jesus and my parents. You'll be forever missed and forever loved . ❤️🙏 rest easy!

Cinnamon Turner - November 22, 2025 at 10:35 AM

RP

“ To my Family, I will always cherish the loving memories of Uncle George.

As a young girl, I was always excited when Uncle George would visit the family, I enjoyed our talks about the military and stories. I remember telling my uncle that one day I would be in a military uniform. All because of my beloved Uncle, I served 30 years in the military. Dear Uncle you will be missed!!

Renea Sabb Patterson

Renea Sabb Patterson - November 21, 2025 at 09:46 PM

EF

“ Evans Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of MSG George Leonard Winder.



Evans Family - November 21, 2025 at 06:08 PM

MJ

“ To my family, I will always remember how I will be excited to see my uncle. In Philadelphia. I love you and miss you
I have one picture of you and my mom together. And I will always cherish that. I love you family.monique

Monique Johnson - November 21, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of MSG George Leonard Winder.*



November 20, 2025 at 01:55 AM



“ *Leslie, Carol and Aryssa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MSG George Leonard Winder.*

Leslie, Carol and Aryssa - November 20, 2025 at 01:55 AM



“ *Sheila Leroy Aja Tony Precious purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of MSG George Leonard Winder.*



Sheila Leroy Aja Tony Precious - November 19, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *Beatrice Staniel lit a candle in memory of George Winder*



Beatrice Staniel - November 17, 2025 at 06:36 PM

BH

“ *Mr Winder was a very good neighbor to have known. My condolences goes out to Robin and her Family.*

Billy Hodges - November 14, 2025 at 06:10 PM

TD

“ *Thaddeus L Daniels lit a candle in memory of George Winder*



Thaddeus L Daniels - November 13, 2025 at 04:14 PM