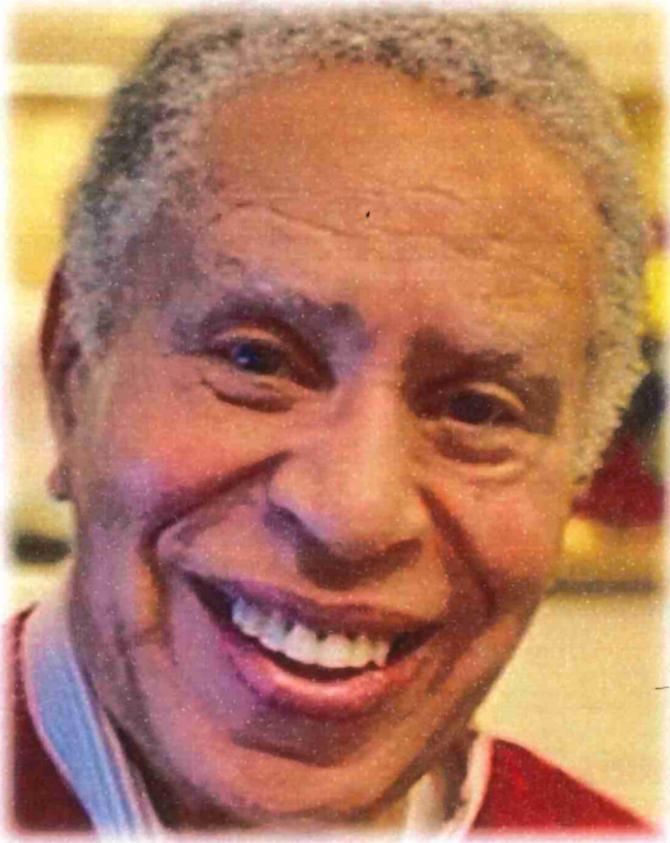


*In Loving Memory of*



**Mervin D. Winston**

June 14, 1941 - November 15, 2024

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone, must stay that way,  
I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me  
God wanted me now; I've been set free!

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# Mervin Daniel Winston

## **Born**

June 14, 1941

Pittsburgh, PA

## **Passed Away**

November 15, 2024

Medina, MN

## **Memorial Service**

Friday, December 27, 2024

Wayzata Community Church

## **Presided by**

Pastor Dan Stark

## **Preceded in Death by**

his mother, Ethel Goodman, father, Thomas Winston,  
and brothers, Robert Goodman and Thorla Winston

## **Survived by**

devoted wife of 62 years, Gerri Winston; his sons, Mark (Francine),  
Michael (April Podhradsky), and Matthew (Christine); grandchildren,  
Morgan and Lauren; Jada, Ella, and Owen; and Chloe, Camille, and  
Christopher; his brothers, Terry Winston (Sandra), Thaddeus Winston,  
and Tristan Winston (Vanessa); his sisters, Tanya Davis (Henry),  
Tami Winston (Vaughn Bass), and Erlyne Johnson; sister-in-law,  
Joyce Newman and her husband, Leon Newman, who served as maid of  
honor and best man in Mervin and Gerri's wedding and a host of nieces  
and nephews.

## **Interment**

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Mervin Daniel Winston, beloved 83-year-old resident of Plymouth, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 15, 2024, in Medina, MN, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born on June 14, 1941, in Pittsburgh, PA, Mervin was the son of Ethel (Buice) Goodman and Thomas Winston.

During his service in the United States Army from 1960 to 1963, Mervin demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill, earning a commendable good conduct medal, a parachutist badge, and a sharpshooter badge. After his honorable discharge, he embarked on an academic journey at The Ohio State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting in 1966 and a Master of Arts in Accounting and Data Processing in 1968.

On July 29, 1962, Mervin's life took a joyous turn when he married his high school sweetheart, Geraldine (Gerri) Walker, in Columbus, OH. Together, they built a loving family, raising three children: Mark, Michael, and Matthew.

Throughout his professional career, Mervin held various esteemed positions, including Sr. Staff Consultant at Arthur Andersen, Director of Internal Audit at J.L. Hudson, Deputy Budget Director for the City of Detroit, and Corporate Director of Audit Operations at Dayton Hudson Corp. Notably, he served as the President and CEO of Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA) and as the VP of Audit and Exam Division for First Bank System. He was the managing partner of Mervin Winston, Ltd. and Numbers Talk.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mervin was an avid enthusiast of several hobbies. He found great joy in biking, tennis, roller skating, and even channeling his inner quarterback as an armchair enthusiast. Spending quality time with his family was also a cherished aspect of his life.

Mervin's family would like to express a special thank you to The Wealshire of Medina for their excellent care.