



# Winship E. Gurney

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**W**inship E. Gurney, 90, of Syracuse, passed away Monday at St. Camillus. He was born in Leominster, MA, son of the late Clarence and Mabel (Bailey) Gurney. Winship was a US Army veteran serving in WWII in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Campaign. He was honorably discharged and received the Purple Heart in 1945. Winship was a 1952 graduate of Syracuse University after which he began a long career in the automobile industry culminating with opening his own dealership, Win Gurney Pontiac.

Win enjoyed spending many years on the St. Lawrence River where he made many life-long friends. His pride and joy was Winlee Lodge on Cherry Island. All who passed by admired the meticulous grounds and thousands of flowers he planted each year.

Win spent his winters in Ormond Beach, Florida for over 30 years, enjoying the company of the McLellan family who always included him in all of their family gatherings.

He was predeceased by his wife, Shirlee (Illingworth) Gurney.

Winship is survived by four daughters, Wendy L. Gurney of Syracuse, Kristen (Robert) Hartnett of Syracuse, Victoria Macro of Camillus, and Laurie (Timothy) Kessel of Warners; five grandchildren, Ashlee (Christopher) Updike, Conor Macro, Hailee Kessel, Sean Hartnett, and Scott Kessel; one great-granddaughter, Lilah; his sister, Clarice Godfrey of Marathon, FL, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Win's daughters want to send a very special thank you to Carol Cooper and Ashley Davis. We appreciated their care and friendship. In addition, we are grateful to the staff at St. Camillus, especially those on the second floor.



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A private funeral service in celebration of Winship's life will be held at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Clear Path For Veterans, 1223 Salt Springs Road, Chittenango, NY 13037.



# Tribute Wall

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**David J. Mclellan** posted:

My Family would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the Gurney Family. Winship was a true friend to my whole family. We always looked forward to him dropping by .I would ask him how he liked his meal and his response was always "never had a bad meal here" this joint is top shelf". Thanks for the many memories. Rest in Peace my Friend.David, Ted, Vicki, Kate and ED, Tom, Mary Denise, Billy, Jim, TJ and Jeanine

January 4 at 12:08 PM



**Neil Snedeker** lit a candle in honor of Winship.



January 4 at 7:32 AM



**Neil Snedeker** January 4 at 7:34 AM

Dear Vicki, Kristen, Wendy and Laurie - My sincerest condolences on the loss of your father. I only met your mother and father once many years ago and they were both gracious and very nice. May God bless. May your father rest in peace. Neil Snedeker



**Hanna Wolfram Pecori** lit a candle in honor of Winship.



January 1 at 4:37 PM



**Jim Donegan** January 4 at 3:38 AM

With sincere sympathy to the Gurney Family for my dear friend. I will miss you. Jim Donegan



**Hanna Wolfram Pecori** January 1 at 4:48 PM

Dear Vicki- I have such great memories of your place at the bay. Learned to water ski there! My dad always respected the way your dad did business. You were blessed to have wonderful parents. Bless you all. Hanna Wolfram Pecori



**Tom And Alicia Trathen** lit a candle in honor of Winship.



January 1 at 1:22 PM



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**Susann H Panek** lit a candle in honor of Winship.

Mr. Gurney, always a gentleman, gave me one of my first jobs as an auto biller. He always spoke to me when in the office with a smile. So sorry for your loss. May God bless your family.

January 1 at 6:26 AM



**Robbie Wells** lit a candle in honor of Winship.

Wendy & Family, So sorry to read about your Dad. When we met wheather in Syracuse or at the Bay he always had that great smile on his face. Great Guy to know too. May you Rest In Peace Win and God Bless You & Your Family Too.

December 31 at 2:34 PM



**TT Tom And Alicia Trathen** January 1 at 1:23 PM  
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**TT Tom And Alicia Trathen** January 1 at 1:19 PM  
To the daughters I and my wife were shocked to hear of the loss of your father I did painting for him and some of you girls he was such a nice man always had a smile for you no matter what we will surely miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Tom and Alicia Trathen (aka Tommy the painter)



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Winship by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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