



Robert A Winner

June 13, 2018

Robert A. Winner passed on June 13, 2018 at the age of 69, doing what he loved - flying and helping others.

Bob worked hard and played hard. After 54 years on the farm, he enjoyed retirement doing the things he loved most - skiing in Vermont, fishing in Costa Rica, traveling to Broadway in NYC, enjoying the beach in Long Beach Island, traveling to new places with Sue, and working on home fix-it projects with Amy and Jeff. He had a tight knit circle of friends at the South Jersey Regional Airport - self-named "The Trunk Monkeys" and they'd fly together most weeks to a landing strip somewhere close for a burger and "trip around the block." He lived every day with zest and love and truly to the fullest.

He loved to help others - whether it was picking someone up in the middle of the night from the airport, re-drywalling a basement, flying a friend to visit a loved one, or installing sliding trash cans in the kitchen - and at the end of every perfectly executed project, he'd exclaim "that's the berries!".

The life of a dairy farmer is intense. He spent the majority of his life running a business that constantly threw curve balls. Bob rarely got more than a few hours of sleep at a time, between midnight barn checks, 4:00 AM milkings, and surprise calf deliveries. But he somehow made it in for dinner with the family almost every night, and even when pipes had frozen or critical

machinery was broken, he was there with his family for Christmas morning and birthday dinners.

Even with a full plate on the farm, he also was in a leadership role in the local, then national cooperative that kept so many of the country's dairy farms in business. In the early 70's he was part of the Atlantic Dairy Council's Young Cooperative Program from the day he graduated from college and took a place alongside his father, Maurice "Speedy" Winner running Pleasant Acres Dairy Farm. He was the president of the Dairy Council, starting in 1988, and later served on the Board of Directors for Land O Lakes cooperative and later their Foundation from 1997 - 2004. Bob retired from farming in 2002 and sold the farm to Burlington County under farmland preservation. It now is the Burlington County Agricultural Center.

Anyone who knew Bob can attest to his integrity, honesty, compassion, kindness, and grit. Please help keep his memory alive by following his example and lending a helping hand when you can.

Bob is survived by his wife of 47 years, Susan (nee Ziehler), daughter Amy Winner, son Jeffrey Winner and his wife Maureen, brother Wayne Winner and sister Nancy Brooks. He was the beloved grandfather to Desmond, Owen and Jack Winner.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM Monday June 18th 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Bridgeboro Road in Moorestown, NJ. Interment Private,

Please no Flowers. If you'd like to make a donation, please consider Memorial Gifts may be sent in Memory of Robert Winner to:

Angel Flight East, 1501 Narcissa Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422; www.angelflighteast.org

GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center, 720 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, NY 10502; www.gigisplayhouse.org/westchester/

Please help us remember Bob by gathering stories about him at:
www.lewisfuneralhomemoorestown.com

Cemetery Details

PRIVATE INTERMENT

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
101 Bridgeboro Road
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 235-1688
<http://www.fpcmoorestown.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert A Winner*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Robert A Winner*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *To Susan and family. I very sorry for lost my heart sunk when found this online today. Prays for family. God bless you and your family,*

Margaret Barlow Ackley

Margaret Ackley - August 10, 2018 at 07:45 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert A Winner.*



June 24, 2018 at 10:22 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bob’s sudden death! I always enjoyed our conversations when he was visiting his dad at The Evergreens. I worked in Activities on the 3rd floor of the Helathcare Center. He was a faithful and loving son to his father. My heartfelt sorrow and prayers go out to his entire family. I will remember him fondly!

Lynn Belsh - June 21, 2018 at 12:51 PM

NS

“ To all the Winner family. I have so many cherished memories of times on the Winner farm back with Maurice and Ruth, Bob, Wayne and Nancy. I was the "town girl" who loved to come spend time and overnight with Nancy the "farm girl". Wayne and my brother were buddies, along with Bob which led to the two Nancys becoming friends. I remember those lunchtimes and dinners waiting for the guys to come in from working. Years have passed by I do remember that contagious laugh of Bob's. I knew how much he loved farm life and Pleasant Acres. I had heard of his learning to fly, and what a wonderful gift of Angel Flight! Living in Florida now, not always getting the Moorestown news, I'm thankful for hearing from a friend online. With much love, NancyRust Sutherland

Nancy Rust Sutherland - June 20, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ Sue and family,
It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this memory. I am deeply saddened and at a loss for words. Please accept my condolences. I still remember chats with Bob and the family everytime he came in to see his dad, one of my favorite patients. He was such a great person, one I will never forget! He always displayed love and commitment for his life, family, and flying. He also introduced me to Mark so that the kids could join the EAA. What a great gift passed on to my boys!! He was always very dedicated and passionate, both admirable qualities. Heaven gained another Angel! I am so grateful for the pleasure of meeting such a good soul.
Love,
Samantha Blue and family

Samantha Blue - June 19, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear about Bob's passing. A great loss to the aviation community. God bless you at this difficult time. Angel Flight Northeast

Angel Flight NE - June 19, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ Dear Sue, Jeff and Amy, We are very sad to learn of Bob's passing. We each have so many fond memories of time spent with all of you. His kindness and warm smile will be especially remembered. We are holding you in our prayers and our hearts. Love, Jennifer Einhorn and Ginger and Jim Philbrick

Jennifer Einhorn - June 18, 2018 at 06:41 PM

LV

“ Shortly after moving to New Jersey to live with my aunt and uncle, I met the Winners! They were best friends with my aunt and uncle and always so kind and welcoming to me! I have so many fond memories of holidays with them, trips to the farm, day trips in Uncle Bobs plane with Uncle Ed just to go to lunch and even to their house in Mt. Snow! I even remember going up to visit my Uncle Ed in New Jersey after he got sick with cancer and Uncle Bob would come and see his best friend everyday! It was a true testimony to what a true friendship is! He was hardworking and just a simple family man just like my Uncle Ed who I always admired so much! He will be missed dearly and my condolences go out to the entire Winner family! Gone way too soon, but I know he is up in Heaven flying with his best friend, my Uncle Ed! love and prayers sent to the Winner fam! Below is a photo of the last time I flew with the Winners and my Aunt Natalie and Uncle Ed! We went for a day trip to Maryland to go to the beach!



Lara Veazey - June 18, 2018 at 04:59 PM

CN

“ Sue, Amy and Jeff, I was so saddened to hear of Bob's tragic death. I remember him and you all from our wonderful days at Tots Preschool. Keemia, Daria and Leila (Mojibian) remember the visits to the farm and the year we watched a calf being born. Bob and you were always connected to community, to service and to sharing the spirit of life you shared with all of us. I would love to reconnect, Sue. The last time I saw you was at Loyola when Amy was there with Leila. We have a lot to share and I pray that your family will be graced with the many stories of Bob as he watches over you from his place nearer to God's ear. Sending you love and peace. Cathy Nevins

Cathy Nevins - June 18, 2018 at 12:37 PM

SW

“ Sue I want you to know how sorry to hear of Bob's death. I was at the service today which was beautiful. As a reminder I was in Bob's class and taught with you for one year at Riverside. The amount of people at the service shows how many people love both of you. Suzanne Duffner Wotrin

sue duffner wotring - June 18, 2018 at 11:58 AM

“ Written by Paul Myers, Summer 1979 Farm Hand (Delaware Valley Ag. School)

Dear Susan & children, Though my heart is heavy with sadness for you and your family, I am writing to share with you that Bob provided me with life changing experience and wonderful memories. As a summer intern working on your farm, I was 19 years old and now at 58 I continue to share those wonderful memories with family and friends.

Though I could write many paragraphs of the powerful and wonderful memories, please allow me to share a few which I know gave Bob a good deep belly laugh for years to follow.

During this very difficult time for you and your family, I do hope the following memories bring some solace. If I am not being selfish, they are personally helping me with the grieving process.

> One summer day after completing milking, barn cleaning, field work with Speedy and Bob, I was hopeful Bob would allow for an abbreviated day of work, I was only kidding myself - Bob smiled as he sent me back to work. He asked me to weed the family garden. Without hesitation and at the age of 19 (clearly immature), I replied, oh No, "Thats Women's Work". Needless to say and with the deepest belly laugh, Bob made that a teachable moment - all work is equal for both men and women!

> Then their was the 90 degree summer day we spend baling hay. Bob writing the tractor and Paul the intern stacking the hay onto the wagon as it was being spit out from the baler at a rate far faster than I could stack. Within 15 minutes I was drenched w/ sweat and punching the bales in frustration. With he deepest belly laugh Bob looked at me and taught me a lesson of humility!

> At lunch time you and Bob would always invite me into your home and allow me to eat my lunch at your dinning table as you attended

to Jeff an infant and Amy a very young girl. I was honored to sit at your table. I was Ah struck, the day we watched Jeff take his very "first step" in the kitchen!!

Please understand both Bob and you made me a better man that summer of 1979. I am proud to share your guidance played a role s in my happy marriage of 35 years, with two children Paul Jr. (32) & Lauren (29) - Thank You!

In closing, my heart is very heavy with your loss, but the memories will remain with me forever. Paul Myers, 22 Clearbrook Lane, Sewell NJ.

Paul Myers - June 18, 2018 at 09:05 AM

JP

“ *We honor Bob's commitment to farmland preservation. His legacy of Open Space is a an enduring benefit to the people of Moorestown and the region.*

*Joseph Ponessa,
President, STEM - Save the Environment of Moorestown
PO Box 704 Moorestown NJ 08057
www.stemonline.org*

Joseph Ponessa - June 18, 2018 at 07:56 AM

SL

“ I spent alot of time at the Winner farm growing up, as Amy and I grew up riding horses together. I rememeber how important sitting down to dinner with his family was to Bob, how patient he was with us kids running around the farm while he worked, especially excited when new kittens were there. But my favorite memory will always be how he would spend hours in the winter when it snowed pulling us around the fields on an old car hood flipped upside down behind the tractor! We never got tired of it and he would just keep smiling and driving!!!

shelly leber - June 17, 2018 at 06:53 PM

PP

“ Bob's beautiful smile matched his beautiful personality! So friendly and warm and a real gentlemen. Bob always made me feel very welcomed as I would join the "guys" for flights and and a meal. He will truly be missed and flying will never be the same without him.
Patty

Patty Pace - June 17, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert A Winner.



June 17, 2018 at 12:09 PM



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Dean Lundahl - June 17, 2018 at 08:23 AM



“ I remember many years ago when my sons, Alexander & Joseph Nemec attended Tots Nursery School in Moorestown and they both were invited to The Winner's Dairy Farm to visit it and see their dairy farm. He was so wonderful to the kids and my sons enjoyed their visit so much. Such wonderful memories!!! Love, Anita Nemec

Anita Nemec - June 17, 2018 at 07:27 AM



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Dean Lundahl - June 17, 2018 at 07:18 AM



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Dean Lundahl - June 17, 2018 at 06:59 AM

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Dean Lundahl - June 17, 2018 at 06:52 AM

CM

Our names our Chuck and Ann Merino, from Woodstock, GA. My wife and I had the privilege of being on a Tauck Australia/ New Zealand in 2016, with he and his wife. And although this photo says 2012, its exactly how my wife and I Remember him. We spent a great deal of time together on the trip and specifically at Bondie Beach where he tried to talk me into doing some Body Surfing since he knew I was originally from Southern California but we were warned about the Rip Tides in the are at the time and so we just elected to wade in the water along the shore. What impressed me was how a great a couple they were and how much fun we was wit them on the trip. I was shocked to hear about the crash. My wife and I iromically, ran into one of the NTSB members that investigated the crash and gave us the details. I'm sorry it has taken so long to convey our sympathy.

Chuck Merino - January 28, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Robert A Winner*.



June 16, 2018 at 07:58 AM