



Vincent J. "Winnie" Nirich Sr.

February 6, 1938 - September 7, 2015

Vincent John Nirich, Sr., known as "Winnie", 77, of Hagerstown, passed away on Monday, September 7, 2015, at IU Health Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born February 6, 1938 near Dubrovnik, Croatia, a son of the late Iljia and Franica (Durovic) Njiric`.

Winnie moved to Indiana after serving in the U.S. Army. He owned and operated several businesses. His first was in New Castle, and then in Hagerstown. Those include both Sinclair and Arco gas stations, as well as service stations, Winnie's Used Cars and This and That Antique Store. After his retirement, he continued to work for the Muncie Auto Auction.

Winnie is survived by his wife, Julia Beth (Stockberger) Nirich; his children, Gary Nirich (Cheryl) of Sheridan, Angie (Nirich) Taylor of South Bend and Vincent "Vinnie" Nirich, Jr of Hagerstown; a grandson, Zachary Nirich of Portland, OR and is siblings that remain in Europe.

Friends may visit from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 13, at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown, where Masonic memorial services will be held at 6:00 P.M. Services will be at 10:00 A.M. Monday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Cambridge City. Fr. Joe Rautenberg will officiate. Burial will follow in Bales Cemetery, near Hagerstown, where military graveside services

will be conducted.

Winnie was know for extending a helping hand to those in need. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your local food pantry.

Cemetery Details

Bales Cemetery

9850 East 200 North
Hagerstown, IN 47346

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown
51 South Washington Street
Hagerstown, IN 47346
(765) 489-5511
info@culbersonfh.com
<https://www.culbersonfh.com/>

Masonic Memorial Service

SEP 13. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
333 W. Maple St.
Cambridge City, IN 47327

Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincent J. "Winnie" Nirich Sr.*



Culberson Funeral Home - September 13, 2015 at 12:45 AM

LR

The best

Lynn Retter - September 13, 2015 at 10:24 AM

DS

“ *Jane and i purchased 2 cars from Winnie for our daughter. The compassion he showed to Leslie was out of this world. He wanted it to be just right!!! The kind words he had for her were priceless!!! We will always be grateful for that!!!*

Winnie always liked to participate in the Masonic Lodge Master Mason Degree. If there was a Hall of Fame for the parts he played, Winnie would definitely have been in them. He wanted a man's degree to be special and Winnie made sure he did his best!!! It was an honor and privilege to call him Brother!!

I often wonder why God takes the good ones so early. All I know is God must have needed a car, so he sent for Winnie!!!

Regards,

Don Sturgeon

Don Sturgeon - September 13, 2015 at 12:20 PM

AB

“ Our community has lost a great citizen and friend. We are glad to have had the pleasure of knowing Winni over the years for he always had that genuine smile that warmed up everyone's heart. Whenever David and I ran into Winni in Hagerstown, we love to practice our few phrases of Croatian with him; his eyes would light up and give us a big laugh.

Julie and family, please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved "Winnie."

Friends and family sharing some of these happy memories will help so much to bring you through these hard days. We know, too, that your faith and courage will bring you peace even the midst of this sorrow.

Vincent Nurich Sr. fulfilled his dreams by coming to America, meeting the girl of his dream; he was blessed with a great mind to recall his adventures and had it put in a book.

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Angelica Bland - September 13, 2015 at 08:14 AM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Culberson Funeral Home - September 12, 2015 at 11:51 PM

JS

“ We have seen Winnie and Julie Beth at several of the Stockberger Family Reunions and always enjoyed talking and visiting with them. I read Winnie' s book and became in awe of him and the amazing life he has lived ,to come to America and have a great life with his beautiful wife and family,it really was amazing.He will be missed. Our love to Julie Beth and the family.Larry and Judy Stockberger

Judith Stockberger - September 12, 2015 at 01:24 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vincent J. "Winnie" Nirich Sr..



September 12, 2015 at 08:56 AM

DM

“ Winnie has always had a smile and a helping hand. I loved talking to him. He always friendly.I remember him taking my husband and I in his home showing the beautiful things she made. He was proud of.



Danny and connie mcmillan - September 11, 2015 at 09:05 PM

TO

“ Tina Oneal lit a candle in memory of Vincent J. "Winnie" Nirich Sr.



tina oneal - September 11, 2015 at 06:14 PM

TO

“ *Winnie you will so missed. You have been a dear friend to me and my family for years. You could put a smile on everyone's face and make them laugh. Tina, Joe Andy O'Neal. And my parents Paul & Irene Pearson.*

tina oneal - September 11, 2015 at 06:12 PM

CP

“ *Sorry to hear the loss of Winnie. Right before I became pastor at Nettle Creek I locked myself out of my car while at White Branch for an ordination of a friend. The pastor called Winnie and he came right out to help me out. He was always a helpful person. Condolences to Julia and the family. Carol Pfeiffer*

Carol Pfeiffer - September 11, 2015 at 03:27 PM

MS

“ *Margit Und Peter Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Vincent J. "Winnie" Nirich Sr.*



Margit und Peter Schumacher - September 11, 2015 at 11:42 AM

AM

“ *Annette Und Heinrich Meissner lit a candle in memory of Vincent J. "Winnie" Nirich Sr.*



Annette und Heinrich Meissner - September 11, 2015 at 11:39 AM

KJ

“ You can not go into Hagerstown with out passing the fork on 38 where Winnie had his shop and not remember the times you would stop just to talk. I remember when ever Winnie would go see his family overseas he would always bring back candy and give to me when I was younger. Then there was the time I was painting my Uncle Reese's (Harry Favorite) car and Winnie just could not believe it till he came to see if for himself He had such a big smile that if you ever got to talk to him that would always be what you would remember. A big heart with a warm smile. Winnie you will be greatly missed by all.



*Kathy (Andis) Jefferis
Chattanooga, TN*

Kathy (Andis) Jefferis - September 11, 2015 at 10:01 AM

SU

“ He touched so many lives...and will truly be missed.

Susi - September 11, 2015 at 08:27 AM

AM

“ I will miss him. He always had to get a hug from me and I enjoyed his hugs :(Love you Winnie



Amanda - September 11, 2015 at 02:54 AM

CH

“ CHRIS lit a candle in memory of Vincent J.
"Winnie" Nirich Sr.



CHRIS - September 10, 2015 at 07:33 PM

CH

R.I.P WINNIE

CHRIS - September 10, 2015 at 07:34 PM

CA

“ Winnie was a life long friend of mine. I remember a fishing trip where we shared a can of cold beef stew while I listened to the stories about his life. I told him his bio would make a great book or movie and he laughed. Now many years later it has come to fruition and I am saddened that he did not have the time to enjoy his newfound admiration . He was a kind and gentle man of faith. If you knew him it will be difficult to put into words what a great man and friend he was. Rest in Peace as the world is a better place for your having passed through it.

Carl Allen

Carl Allen - September 10, 2015 at 07:12 PM

KA

“ Angie and family I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and love are with you

kathy - September 10, 2015 at 05:45 PM