



## James C. Winkel

May 27, 1947 - June 8, 2022

James Clemens Winkel passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, June 8, surrounded by his loving family. James was born to James and Luz Winkel in Sheboygan, Wisconsin May 27, 1947. He joined the Air Force attaining the rank of sergeant. After serving his country, he married the love of his life Jacqueline the beginning of a 49-year love story. James was a proud member of the American Legion, the Lions Clubs of both Petaluma and Benicia. He was a loyal "Cheesehead" unwavering fan of the Green Bay Packers. He enjoyed sailing, traveling, and vacations all around the United States & world. A fantastic cook and consummate host, James enjoyed entertaining friends and family with his culinary prowess.

James is survived by his loving wife Jackie, his sister Babett Jackson, his brother Steven Winkel and his rescued K-9 companion Griffyn.

Services will be private; his ashes will be interred at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James C. Winkel*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



*I just heard about the loss of an old friend. So sorry to hear. Thinking of you, Jackie. (Lynne Feely and family)*

**Lynne Feely** - March 30, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James C. Winkel.*



July 12, 2022 at 12:20 AM



“ *Ultimate Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of James C. Winkel.*



July 12, 2022 at 12:05 AM

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“ Jim and Jackie I've known since their San Mateo days (30 years). Not at first but eventually, I wrangled myself into being Jim's doctor, for about as long as he could take me. He knew when he finally left my practice I would be sad and so he continued to shower me with wonderful invitations, his sometimes-out-of-left field pontifications but more than anything his unfolding-as-he-aged humor and wit, and an enveloping compassion. He knew the world was won over by each single one of us and his mission was to make sure we knew (because he knew) how important and good we were. Jim knew what it was to be human. He knew how to bring out the humanness in anyone.

*I will always treasure Jim and Jackie's coffee house in San Mateo. The unsuspecting passerby stumbling into their little place would be greeted by two knowing souls, one loquacious and teasing, the other with a wink and a glimmer in her eye, both able to see into you and you were just fine with that because what they said and how they said it made you feel as good as their wonderful drinks did and would transport you to a better version of yourself. It was billed as a coffee house but what it really was about was unspoken acknowledgement: you mattered. The world was a better place because you were in it.*

*Peace be with you, Jim. You made all the difference in our lives.*

*Tom Yatteau*

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tom yatteau - July 11, 2022 at 11:53 PM

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“ Ahhh, the years and years of memories! From the boat house where Jim would prepare fabulous meals on his giant grill, to the Easter feasts at San Mateo and Petaluma! My favorite being the year of the pig roast! Yes, Jim roasted the entire pig! And the wine events at Petaluma/Santa Rosa where we would taste wine in the afternoon and head back to the house to watch Jim prepare another outrageous meal! Occasionally he would share a recipe!

*Thank you Jim and Jackie for all of the precious memories.  
Rest in peace dear brother in law.  
Susan*

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**Susan Winkel** - July 04, 2022 at 06:38 PM

BA

“ *What can I say about my dear brother. We shared 70 years of memories.*

*We got along together, we didn't get along together, we loved each other dearly, typical siblings. We shared good as well as bad times. Sharing good times was easy but during the difficult times we drew closest.*

*Jim was always a party waiting to happen. He made the tough times into adventures. Even in a strange city Jim was able to find off the beaten path restaurants. He introduced me to, many foods new to me, including a cream cheese omelet. I thought it sounded odd to say the least, but it was great. Some how Jim always knew what I would like.*

*Jim was also good at "coming to the rescue " I remember when our son Kevin got married I had worked and planned for the big day. What I did not anticipate was the number of out of town guests visiting after the ceremony, Jim just jumped in and took charge and made a disaster into a fun event for all.*

*My dear brother Jim, I will miss you. The good times, the hard times, the laughter and fun we shared.*

*May your spirit rest in peace my brother my friend.*

*I love you, Babett.*

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**Babett** - June 26, 2022 at 01:05 PM

CJ

“ So many great memories of a man that could not and would not be stopped. Jim was truly a man of this world and I am talking about the good things of this world. Jim and his loving wife Jackie personified kindness and service.

Many a time we would meet with Jim during the last years of His mom's life and Jim would make the visit palatable and much fun.

Jim could tease with best of them and could take a tease.

Jim fought to the end and was always more concerned for his family than his own comfort. I am married to his only sister and he was always a big brother to me. I will miss you Jim however the memories will linger until I take that next big step into eternity.

God bless you my brother and comfort his Lovely spouse. Carl

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**Carl Jackson** - June 19, 2022 at 02:21 PM