



## Mike E. Winter

January 29, 1945 - May 19, 2019

Michael Edward Winter, age 74, of Long Creek passed away Sunday, May 19, 2019. Born January 29, 1945, Michael was the first of three sons of Fred A. and Louise (Hawk) Winter. As a child Michael became a competent ornithologist with a sincere love of nature earned through many days of walking the fields and forests of his family farm. After graduating from Parrottsville High School he earned a degree in Biology from East Tennessee State University where he also developed a passion for photography. As a teacher and, later, as a naturalist/interpreter for Illinois State Parks he enthusiastically shared his knowledge and experience of nature's wonders with everyone he touched. Returning to Tennessee in 1979, Michael established Mist Mountain Photo Studio and, as satellite television technology was born and evolved, he served area customers as Mist Mountain Satellite TV. Before his passing Michael, with an overwhelming interest in astronomy, had committed himself to building an observatory with the goal of helping others to see and better understand the night skies.

Michael is survived by his son, Eric (and wife Dedra) Winter of Concord, N.C., grandson Jordan Winter, granddaughter Savannah Winter, brothers Randy (Julie) Winter and Jeffrey (Rhonda) Winter, nieces Alison Winter Phillips, Paige and Heather Winter, nephew Gavin Winter, and cousin Janyce Winter Westerman (who was more like a sister).

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 22 from 12:00-2:00 pm at St. James Lutheran Church in Greene County. The funeral service, officiated by the

Revs. Larry Moore and Paula Smith, will take place at 2:00 pm with interment following. Pallbearers are Wayne Gunter, Bill Hawk, David Hawk, Barry Norris, Eric Winter, and Jordan Winter. Honorary pallbearers are David Bryant and David Crowder, both of Newport.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mike E. Winter*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Sorry for your family loss. Knew Mike just a few short years but enjoyed talking with him about astronomy. So sorry he wasn't able to finish his dream of his Hawke Observatory becoming fully operable.*

**Harold Harris** - June 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy*

**John lovell** - June 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike was special and I am glad that we met at ETSU. Rest in Peace Mike*

**Bill Hicks & Diana Steinfeld Hicks** - May 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mike was such a good man with a good heart. He will be missed! We will remember him and the positive outlook he offered.*

**raj harricharan** - May 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Eric, I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by so many. I always enjoyed hearing his stories and adventures of his life. Love and prayers to you and all your family.

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**Michelle Gunter Ayers** - May 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Eric and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept our deepest condolences and know that we will uplift you and your family in our prayers. Jimmy and Rhonda (Rines) Day

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**rhonda (rines) day** - May 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Prayers and Lots of Love to ALL

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**Ronnie, Debbie & Andy** - May 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Eric....so very sorry to learn of your loss. Your dad and I once had a great discussion about Blue Grosbeaks!

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**Duay and Kay O'Neil** - May 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Eric So sorry to hear about Mike. Our thoughts and prayers are with you

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**Dewayne & Opal Gregg** - May 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Eric, I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great man and a good friend. I have many fond memories of your dad. He will be missed. He would always tell me how you were doing with your job. Prayers for you and the rest of the family.

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**Marsha Hale Burton** - May 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Mike had an interesting and productive life. He brought so much fun and vitality to our friendship. We send deepest sympathy. Bill & Charlotte Leibrocká

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**Bill & Charlotte Leibrock** - May 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Our family extends our deepest sympathy to the Winter family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. Rest In Peace Mike.

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**Frank and Chandra Harricharan** - May 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ Your friendly energetic mood will be long remembered and missed by many, Mike. IÆm hoping your family will find comfort in those good memories. Iva Ruth Gunterá

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**Iva Ruth Gunter** - May 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Eric and the rest of the family we are sorry for your loss. Mike was a man that will be missed by a great many people. If you meet Mike you did not forget him quickly. He is and always will be my friend. We will miss you Mike.

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**Christopher** - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Prayers!

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**Louise and Jimmy Hux** - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ You will be missed! We have many fond memories with you. Go rest high my friend! Gerald and Susie

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**Gerald and Susan Ottinger** - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Prayers lifted for your family

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**Mary Anne & Harry Vick** - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ So sorry to here of the passing of mike. Always enjoyed listening to him talk about some of his projects that he had been involved in. He will be greatly missed! My prayers go out to all of his family.

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**Linda Hefner** - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I love you Mike and will miss you for the rest of my life...

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**David Crowder** - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Very sorry to hear this news, Eric. Thinking of you during this time.  
áTony

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**Tony Gray** - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Randy, so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.á

Trudy Wright - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was a good and nice person. He will be missed.

Vanessa j Gunter - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep your whole family in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you and give you comfort 🙏

Montye - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Jeffrey and Family, the Loves are saddened to hear of the passing of your brother. We hope that the memories that you have of his life will sustain you through these difficult times.

Gary and Toni Love - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Sorry 2 hear about Mikes passing good friendá

Jerrell Jennings - May 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Eric I am so sorry for you and your family I know this pain gets a little better but never goes away praying for you all ?????

Patricia Gregg Ellison - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Eric - I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you find peace and comfort in precious memories of your dad.

Vanessa Dennis - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Eric, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Please know your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Melanie Strange Smith - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Solomon - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Eric, I am so saddened to learn of your dad's passing. He was such a wonderful man and will be missed by all that ever had the pleasure of meeting him. You probably don't remember me, but I remember you from Stone Mountain as a young man when you worked t

Sandy Huff Evans - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Mike was a good friend, so sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers for family during this sad time.

Faye Brooks - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Eric- Sorry for your loss.

David Smith - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Mr. Winter was a great teacher. You could tell he cared about his students. My prayers and thoughts are with the family during this time.*

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**Melissa Park Hale** - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Mike was a good friend Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Jimmy M cMahan** - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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**Jimmy M cMahan** - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Sorry to here of his passing. Prayers Jeff for you and your family.*

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**Rosalind Gibson** - May 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM