



Carl Douglas Winekoff

May 10, 1961 - December 13, 2020

Carl Douglas Winekoff, Jr. went to his heavenly home on December 13th, 2020 at the age of 59 after a valiant battle with COVID-19. His firm belief in God and devotion to his family supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. His beloved wife of 19 years, Nicolle, was at his side when he passed away.

Carl was born to Carl and Della Faye Winekoff in Ypsilanti, Michigan on May 10, 1961. Growing up, Carl was introduced to his Christian faith and taught the importance of family and hard work, things that would become important aspects of his life and what he valued most. Carl and his late brother Rick excelled in athletics from an early age. Carl lettered in multiple sports for Belleville High School, including baseball, football, track and field, and wrestling. It was wrestling, however, where he shone the brightest, leading him to all-state and national honors and athletic scholarships at Indiana University and Eastern Michigan University, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. He remained involved in wrestling throughout his entire life as a coach, mentor, and advocate for the sport. Carl would eventually take up the family locksmith trade and business from his uncle. He owned Swan's Locksmith in Belleville for many years before working as regional director of loss prevention for Meijer and then later as the district locksmith for Walled Lake Schools for the last 12 years.

Carl was immersed in his faith. He was a member of Fair Haven Baptist Church for the last 13 years, where he was actively involved in helping spread the ministry of Jesus Christ. He enjoyed teaching Sunday school, participating in community outreach efforts, and sharing the Word of God with others.

Carl was blessed with a large and loving family. He taught his children the importance of faith and encouraged them to explore the teachings of the gospels. He shared with them his love for physical activity, sports, adventure, and the outdoors. His grandchildren knew him as “papa.” He lived for spending as much time as he could with his growing family.

Carl was a protector and beacon of strength for his family and others to turn to for encouragement during life’s twists and turns. He always made time to help solve problems and offer advice. He loved to laugh, and his laughter would often bring a room together. He is dearly missed by his family, who celebrate that he is at peace with his creator.

Carl is survived by his wife, Nicolle; his mother, Della Faye; his sons, Carl, Joshua, Ryan, Brent, Kevin, and Chase; his daughters, Amber and Sarah; his siblings, Shawn (John) Richmond, Tammy (Danny) Bledsoe; his grandchildren, Evah, Vayda, Hugo, Evelyn, Ricky, Jameson, and Olivia.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl, and his brother, Rick.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 2, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. followed by Funeral Services at 2 p.m. at Fair Haven Baptist Church located at 34850 Marquette St. Westland, MI, 48185, (734) 728-4549. *Masks Required*. The service will also be accessible through live streaming at the Church's Youtube page: https://youtu.be/bpwIMv_a9Ic Fairhaven Baptist Church Westland If you would like to donate to Carl’s funeral fund, you can do so through Fair Haven Baptist Church.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fair Haven Baptist Church
34850 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Fair Haven Baptist Church
34850 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Douglas Winekoff*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Connie Winekoff - Gladki lit a candle in memory of Carl Douglas Winekoff*



Connie Winekoff - Gladki - February 18, 2021 at 09:01 AM



I am so sorry to just hear about Carl's passing. It was so much fun hanging out with Carl and Ricky when we were teenagers. My prayers are with his family.

Connie Winekoff-Gladki - February 18, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Carl, though paths never crossed, they ran in similar directions. Belleville HS, Wrestling & God, My sincere condolences and prayers go out to your family and friends during this time of loss and we also celebrate your life with God in Heaven.*

steve coffelt - January 19, 2021 at 08:52 PM

JH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jack Huling - January 19, 2021 at 08:25 PM

YT

“ Carl was such an awesome person, always doing for other people. When we were growing up he was a great cousin and a great athlete. Carl you will be truly missed and you left us way to soon.

Yvette Templeman - December 29, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Douglas Winekoff.



December 29, 2020 at 01:42 PM

DH

“ Nicole I was so sorry to hear this, I cant imagine whay u are going through. I pray for you and your family to get through this. I'm sending love and support. Hugs hun

Dionna Henry - December 28, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Douglas Winekoff.*



December 27, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ *Thinking of you all during this very sad time. Carl was a wealth of information and was my nieces' favorite Papa ever ❤️ We will be sure to do our part and keep his memory alive. Ryan was a pillar of strength to me when my own father passed away and we are saddened for you all. Much love and many prayers of strength. Evah & Vayda's Aunt Allana, Uncle Jeff, cousins-Joslin & Brookie*

Allana Weeks Jakubowski - December 23, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ *The loss of a parent saddens the heart for a long time. I pray God comforts you and your family. May his life always be a blessing to you and may the memories bring joy and smiles.*

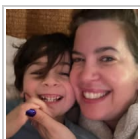


Yaffa Ouaknine - December 23, 2020 at 06:24 PM

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“ There was never a dull moment growing up with cousins like Carl and Rick! As a family, we loved going to sports events and cheering on each other as we were a family of athletes, but they were among the best! Going to school with them, we felt protected, supported, and always had fun! As adults, we all went our own ways and built our lives, but would all try to make it home for the annual “family reunion” usually hosted by Shawn and her village of helpers to have a meaningful fun event where we all could catch up, take pictures, and usually watch Carl win at horseshoes! 😊 I loved Carl’s sense of humor and his laugh...Such great memories, they were taken far too soon. I miss them both. ❤️

Terry Ertman - December 23, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ My heart goes out to the entire family. I did not have the privilege of meeting Carl but I felt like I knew him through my sister, Eliana and of course, his son, Josh. He sounded like such a wonderful patriarch to his family and I am so sorry they have to go through this loss. May he Rest In Peace in the arms of God.
Monika Feiss and Family ❤️



Monika Shogan Feiss - December 22, 2020 at 09:48 PM

JT

“ He will truly be missed... He was a great guy! Very sad to hear this news.

Julie Tacia - December 22, 2020 at 05:38 PM

BF

“ Carl was a true gentleman who was appreciated and well liked by all. We worked together at different times and locations over the years. I always looked forward to seeing him, chatting, and sharing a laugh. He will be missed.

Bob Furca - December 22, 2020 at 10:13 AM