



## Winnie A. Fink

March 25, 1926 - January 8, 2008

Winnie A. Fink, dedicated and loving husband and father, died Saturday, January 5th at home, surrounded by his family, at the age of 81. He was born on March 25, 1926, in Fond du Lac, to Winnie and Elsie Detert Fink. He served in the United States Air Force from 1944-1946 as a member of a B-29 crew. After WWII, he served in Germany and was honored to attend the Nuremberg War Crime Trials as an observer. On December 28, 1946, he was married to Audrey Kellett at Division Street Methodist Church. He enjoyed 61 years of love and happiness with his wife Audrey. Winnie's biggest accomplishment and source of pride was his family. He loved the outdoors and spent much time camping with his family and fishing for perch. Winnie completed his BS degree at UW-Oshkosh in 1950. He was awarded a National Science Foundation fellowship, resulting in a MS degree from UW-Madison in 1957, and completed his post graduate work at Marquette University. His career began in 1950 as principal of Reeseville grade school, and from 1952-1955, he taught at Lomira High School. He started in the Fond du Lac School District in 1955 as a fifth grade teacher at Evans School, and from 1957-1962, he taught Advanced Math & Physics at Goodrich High School. From 1962-1968, he served as assistant principal at Woodworth Junior High School and as principal from 1968-1978. In 1978, he returned to the classroom at Goodrich High School and was able to pursue his love of teaching, until his retirement in 1986. Throughout his life, Winnie touched so many people in so many ways. He was a friend, confidant, mentor and

teacher. His positive approach to life and his sense of humor will be missed by all. Survivors include his wife, Audrey; four sons and two daughters: Robert (Joan) Fink of West Bend, Terry (Robin) Fink of Fond du Lac, Richard (JoAnn) Fink of Fond du Lac, Nancy (Jim) Stokosa of Stevens Point, Winnie (Kathy) Fink of Fond du Lac, Diane (Kevin) Allen of New Berlin. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Arlene Hintz of Shawano, Delores (Bob) Trepanier of Fond du Lac; and a brother, Marvin (Dorothy) Fink of Brownsville. Winnie was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Lyle, Earl, Reuben, Mylan; one brother-in-law, Melvin Hintz; and two sisters-in-law: Jeanette and Rosemary Fink. The visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at Mach Funeral Chapel, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac, and from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service, on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20 North Marr Street, Fond du Lac. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday at Covenant United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael Morning officiating. Burial will follow in Ledgeview Memorial Park. A special thank you to the Agnesian ICU team and Agnesian Hospice Hope.

# Tribute Wall

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**Kathleen Fink Flynn** - January 11, 2008 at 07:30 PM

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**Kathleen Fink Flynn of Charlotte, NC** - January 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ *Winnie A. Fink*

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**Curtis W. VanAllen** - January 10, 2008 at 11:06 PM

TG

“ *We are thinking of you and extend our sympathies to your family. My heart is warmed reading the messages and how Winnie left an positive impression on so many.*

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**Traci & Jaime Gerth** - January 09, 2008 at 12:09 PM

RN

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**Richard L Blamey** - January 08, 2008 at 07:30 PM

MB

“ We are all put on this earth for a reason. I feel Principle Fink's reason was to help us better ourselves. I was a student at Woodworth while he was Principle (1968-1970). He may have been a great teacher, but he was also a great listener. Even though his schedule was always full, he would take the time to listen and talk to anyone about anything. I think because of Mr. Fink many people are better communicators today. My deepest sympathies to his family.

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**Michael Brockman** - January 08, 2008 at 03:36 PM

LM

“ My deepest sympathies to all the Fink clan. Your father, grandfather, and great grandfather will be missed on all your fun outdoor outings. His spirit will remain with you for a long time.

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**Lori Mehleis** - January 08, 2008 at 01:30 PM

WB

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**Wendy Burns** - January 08, 2008 at 10:57 AM

PA

“ *Deb and I are thinking of all of you and are so proud of the life that Winnie lived and the example of how to live it that he set for his family. I was a pleasure to have known him and he will be missed. Our prayers are with you!*

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**Peter, Deb, David & Danny Allen** - January 08, 2008 at 09:01 AM

TS

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**Luule (Late) Moreno** - January 07, 2008 at 04:06 PM

MT

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. We especially remember Robin and Terry from the days of the YMCA Swim team.

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**Michael & Maybelle Traut** - January 07, 2008 at 11:33 AM

CH

“ We will always remember Uncle Winnie's enthusiasm for life, his ready smile, and his love of family. Ellen and I are so happy that we were able to share a great visit with him just a week before his passing. We send our love and prayers to Aunt Audrey and the entire family during this time of loss.

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**Chib and Ellen Hintz** - January 07, 2008 at 11:11 AM

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**Luule (Late) Moreno of McAllen, TX** - January 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ At our Wedding in 2004 Grandma and Grandpa won the "Anniversary Dance" for Longest Married. Grandpa was a very special person and I am very privileged to say that he was my grandpa.

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**Maggie Collien** - January 06, 2008 at 03:25 PM

RO

“ Remembering when I called to ask if he put corn in his pancakes. He answered yes and then hung up on me!

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**Robin** - January 06, 2008 at 02:21 PM

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“ *My Favorite Grandpa! You will be missed more than you know. My favorite memory with you. . . Flying down to Florida and being scared out of my mind with the Turbulence, and you smiling at me thinking it was fun!!! Our favorite game "Greedy-Greedy"! You and I were constantly picking fun at each other every time we played!*  
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**Nikki Fink** - January 06, 2008 at 01:48 PM

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