



## John Peter "Pete" Winters

March 12, 1956 - February 15, 2018

Longtime Southwest Florida resident John Peter "Pete" Winters died peacefully in his sleep, in the early morning hours of February 15, 2018.

Born on March 12, 1956 in Xenia, Ohio, Pete moved to Florida with his parents John "Jack" N. and Sue X. Winters in April 1960, in time for the September landfall of Hurricane Donna.

As a youth growing up in Naples, Pete participated in all sports, but mainly in baseball and football, where he excelled as an award winning catcher and safety. He was the captain of the 1974 Golden Eagle football team. That year, he was also selected as a Babe Ruth Baseball "Athlete of the Year." His complete athletic record was published in the '74 Babe Ruth Baseball's Annual and is on permanent display in the Baseball Hall of Fame museum in Cooperstown, NY. He attended Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC and later, Florida State University in Tallahassee.

As a successful entrepreneur, Pete founded Winters Consulting, Inc. in the 1980's, specializing in high end condominium remodeling primarily at Lely Barefoot Beach, where he was contracted by many and was highly respected for his commitment to quality and attention to detail.

Known for working hard and playing harder, he spent the rest of his time,

away from his projects, either on the water, as he was an accomplished mariner, or on the golf course, playing to a single digit handicap for the majority of his playing years.

His greatest gift as a friend combined generosity, humor, a sharp wit, a sense of loyalty and a keener sense of mischief. He was as welcomed, and at home, in Port Royal as he was in River Park, and all places in between. He is dearly loved and sorely missed by all who knew him simply as Pete.

He is survived by his loving wife Vanessa P. Winters, mother Sue X. Winters, daughter Sarah Winters and granddaughter Aleta Winters. Also surviving are his brother Alec Winters, sister-in-law Ali Winters, niece Samantha Winters and sisters Ruthie Winters and Katie Shotwell.

The family and friends of Pete Winters invite you to join them for a celebration of his life, Wednesday February 28th at the Pewter Mug 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Transportation by Uber or cab is recommended.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations in Pete's honor can be made to the Juan Romero Baseball Camp, Inc., 3678 Kent Drive, Naples FL 34112. Donations will be used to start a memorial scholarship drive in Pete's name for area students to attend the camp.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **28**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pewter Mug Restaurant  
12300 Tamiami Tr. No.  
Naples, FL 34110

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Peter "Pete" Winters*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *To the Winters family;  
My deepest condolences to you... I've been friends with Pete awhile  
along with Scott Anderson, heaven will sure gain a great buddy.  
Rest in peace, friend!  
From Rusty Stevens  
Asheville, NC*

Judy Palafox - February 27, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ *What a sad shock to lose Pete so soon. Love and prayers to his  
beautiful Vanessa and his family. A very bright light has gone out of  
our world. His sense of humor and fun will be missed by all.  
Thankfully, there are plenty of "Pete" stories to be shared.*

*Anonymous*

anonymous - February 26, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ *God Bless The Winters Family and Rest In Peace Pete, You were  
one of nicest most down to earth caring persons on the planet and  
you were in a great mood... I enjoyed golfing with you and laughing  
non stop.... See You On The Other Side Pete....!!*

*Kindest Regards, Chris Cioffi*

Chris Cioffi - February 25, 2018 at 06:59 PM

M(

*Our deepest sympathy for the Winters family. Pete had an amazing sports career.*

*Domkowski family.*

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**Marcy Craig (Domkowski)** - February 27, 2018 at 05:55 PM



“ *Prayers and thoughts with your family, Pete. You are one of the highlights of my high school days, always looking out for everyone!! Always smiling! Never an unkind word! Thank you for all the gifts you brought to this crazy world!! Cis Ahearn*

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**Cis Ahearn** - February 23, 2018 at 07:27 PM

RC

*Much love And condolences to your family and loved ones Pete. You were Bonita Springs, in human form. Warm and careing ,beaming with good times and fun, which you spread to all you touched. Damn Pete, you'll be missed big time. Rob Chase*

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**Rob Chase** - February 24, 2018 at 09:45 AM

ML

“ *Some of my fondest memories from my early years as an NHS math teacher are of Pete and his friends. What a fun loving group of guys they were while still being kind and caring. I truly enjoyed them and smile when I think of them. My sincere condolences to the entire family. You lost Pete too soon. Mickey ( Culpepper-Lugo) LaBute*

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**Mickey LaBute** - February 22, 2018 at 08:33 PM

Leslie  
Read

“ I remember Pete's smile and sense of humor and he was always so nice to me. Reminded me of my brother, Bill, who is also in heaven so maybe they are in heaven making everyone laugh. God has a sense of humor and gifted both of them with it. I'm so sorry for the family's loss and wish you the love and comfort of Jesus and each other during this time.

Leslie Read - February 22, 2018 at 07:33 PM

CB

Our families have been the best of friends since before Pete and I were born. My parents and Pete's parents were so close. I was so blessed to be able to meet up with Pete again after decades a few years ago in Naples. What a wonderful man and a wonderful family. Prayers to his children and to Sue who I still love so dearly. Prayers for comfort and peace. Cathy Winter Brown

cathy brown - February 25, 2018 at 11:56 PM

FH

“ Pete was such a sweetheart to everyone! My deepest sympathy to your whole family! Luv from my heart ❤️! Fra Hiller



Fran Hiller - February 22, 2018 at 10:53 AM

AS

“ My deepest sympathy to all of his family! Knowing Pete since 8th grade, and enjoying many memories of him. Always in my heart. He was a fun loving old childhood friend....Alicia Suarez

alicia suarez - February 21, 2018 at 08:44 PM

MC

“ *Such a loss. Prayers for the Winters family and all of us that knew Pete. Always lifted people up with that smile. Always was glad to see me. I known Pete since Pal Gators and Boy Scouts. You'll be missed my friend.*

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**Michael Cecil** - February 21, 2018 at 07:02 PM

JK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Although I have been away from Naples for many years, I remember fondly my time there, and especially at Naples High School. When I think of Pete I always smile, as he always made all of smile. I hope many happy memories will comfort all of Pete's family and friends. Thoughts and prayers,*  
*Jorie (Carr) Kelly*

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**jorie kelly** - February 21, 2018 at 12:09 PM

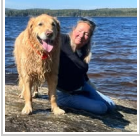
LJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Larry S. Genta Jr** - February 21, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ *Pete was such a light all through school. Never a dull moment when he was in a room. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word for all that knew him. I will always remember him as kind. His impulsive antics and quick wit could turn a bad day into sunshine. I will miss you Pete. Prayers to your family and huge family of friends.*



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**Susan Bullard** - February 21, 2018 at 10:26 AM

GM

“ *WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY GARY AND CINDY MUSSELMAN*



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**Gary and cindy Musselman** - February 21, 2018 at 10:17 AM

KE

“ *Vanessa & Family - Pete's quick smile, positive attitude and of course his hugs will be missed at Barefoot. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Pete will be missed by everyone who's life he touched.*

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**Ken & Becky Edelbrock** - February 21, 2018 at 09:46 AM

GD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Katie, Ruthie, Alec, Sue and the Winter's family. Pete was one of a kind and I'll always remember his sense of humor and smile. God bless you all.*

*Gregg Deason  
Minneola FL*

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**Gregg Deason** - February 21, 2018 at 09:38 AM