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Neil was born in Placerville, CA, on July 8, 1953. In 1969, his family moved to Red Bluff, and Neil helped run the family motel business at the Best Western Lamplighter Lodge. He graduated from Red Bluff High School in 1971 and worked for PG&E, retiring in 2001.

Over the years, Neil enjoyed fixing up and flipping houses and acquiring rental properties. He took great pleasure in sharing his real estate knowledge with others.

Neil enjoyed spending time waterskiing on the river, Whiskeytown Lake, and Lake Almanor, with the Beach Boys always playing in the background. He also enjoyed riding ATVs on the dunes in Oregon and attending the summer concerts at Lake Almanor. Neil loved classic cars, particularly Ford Mustangs and Mercury Cougars, owning a few and taking them to local car shows. In recent years, he restored his parents' orange-and-white 1956 Ford Victoria. Neil took great pride in supporting many local community events.

Neil could always be found in the stands supporting his granddaughters at their sporting events and activities. Neil was always up for an adventure.

Traveling with friends and family was always a priority, and he made connections wherever he went. His generosity, warm smile, and good stories were known to all.

Neil was preceded in death by his father, James Washington Winstead, mother, Gloria Lynnette Winstead; and his brother, Ronald Lee Winstead. He is survived by daughter Courtney Marie Winstead Stroing of Red Bluff, CA; son Andrew Neil Winstead, of Redding, CA; and granddaughters Ava, Aralynn, and Kenzie Stroing. He is also survived by his brother Kevin James Winstead (Barbara) and niece Erinn Winstead of San Diego, CA; and sister LaRae Lynn Pfeffen (Mark) and nephew Erik Pfeffen, of Citrus Heights, CA.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **30**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Red Bluff Elks Lodge
355 Gilmore Rd
Red Bluff , CA 96080

Tribute Wall



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Hall Brothers Corning Mortuary - April 17 at 06:38 PM

CW

I will miss You my friend ❤️

carol wood-ward - April 22 at 01:59 PM

AW

None better.

Andrew Neil Winstead - April 26 at 10:02 PM

AW

Not in a million gazillion years.

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JM

My wonderful and great friend, life will not be the same without you. Your absence has created a void that can not be filled. I am sorry that we didn't have more time to spend together. You'll never be forgotten. I miss you, buddy.

Jeff Milford

Jeff Milford - April 27 at 01:04 PM

LT

Neil was truly one of the good ones. He had a heart of gold and a genuine love for people, especially the elderly, just as I do. He saw my vision to serve others and believed in me when it mattered most.

He supported my vision to serve others in ways I will never forget.

He was a genuine soul, someone you could sit and have deep, meaningful conversations with. The world truly needs more kind-hearted people like Neil in it.

I will not say goodbye. I will simply say, "I will see you again, my friend."

Until we meet again... keep my lady's company. ❤️

LaVonda Tracy

LaVonda Tracy - May 23 at 11:20 AM

DO

Neil was the most caring and kind hearted man, I'm so blessed to have known him. I miss him!

Dottie - May 29 at 10:48 PM