



## Van Buren Winston Jr.

March 30, 1943 - November 10, 2020

Van Buren Winston, Jr. transitioned peacefully on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 30, 1943 to Van Buren Winston, Sr. and Catherine Cahee Winston, both deceased.

He received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nuclear Physics from Stevens Institute of Technology. After graduation, Van served honorably as a Captain in the United States Air Force in the continental United States and in the Republics of Vietnam and Korea. He successfully completed the Management Program for Executives at the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Business.

Van had an impressive professional career. He spent more than 20 years as an executive and senior leader in Information Technology and retired from Fashion Institute of Technology after serving 10 years as a senior member of the executive staff of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO). Prior to FIT, he was a CIO resource providing management and strategic consulting support for leading higher education institutional clients of Collegis (now SunGard Higher Education Managed Services). Before joining Collegis, Van served as a Regional Account Manager with Systems & Computer Technology Corporation (now SunGard Higher Education Solutions), and as a Global Account Executive with MicroAge integration Group.

Leveraging his entrepreneurial spirit, Van co-founded Corporate Consulting Group, Inc., a technology management and professional services consulting

firm after serving as the Chief Operating Officer at Accurate Information Systems, Inc.

Prior to entering the technology industry, Van spent over ten years managing enterprise-level relationships with Citibank in New York City.

He was a member of Omega Psi PHI, Fraternity, Inc.

Van achieved much in his earthly life.

His legacy will be treasured by his loving wife, Diane Winston, his daughter; April Willis (Maurice), his son; Damien Hooper-Campbell (Regine), granddaughter; Kayla Willis, three siblings; Sylvia Winston Green, Shirley Satterwhite and Michael Winston, his mother-in law; Mildred Hooper, Sisters-in-law; Marjorie Allen (George) and Karen Meekins, brother-in-law; James Hooper, Jr. (Patricia) and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Van was also predeceased by his sisters, Joyce Middletown and Jo-Ann Winston.

In lieu of Flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to one or both of the following non-profit organizations relevant to Van's life and career:

Black Veterans Project

Email: [info@blackveteransproject.org](mailto:info@blackveteransproject.org)

Tech for Troops

[www.techfortroops.org/donate](http://www.techfortroops.org/donate)

Service will be Private

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

MW

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**M L Winston** - November 21, 2020 at 02:47 PM

MW

“ Van always had an anecdotal conversation with me. Nearly 9 years my senior, as a kid brother I gleaned much from Van. Introduction to Jazz, specifically John Coltrane and Miles Davis, is one of earliest memories. Playing chess games on the front porch with his friends/neighbors. I remember seeing a weird stick with a net on it, only to realize after Van went away to University, that he was an accomplished Lacrosse athlete. And, once I earned a driver's license, I was fortunate enough to visit my big brother in Hoboken at Steven's Institute of Technology. I remember he and the other students being so so high brow. Van and one of his friends and neighbor were the first young men that I remember who went off to Vietnam. The neighbor returned some months later minus one leg. Van however, was an officer in the United States Airforce. I always looked up to him. Van's knowledge, wisdom will always be a beacon of light to me. Semper Fidelis.

*Michael L. Winston - Hakika*

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**M L Winston** - November 21, 2020 at 02:43 PM

LW

“ Van will be remembered for his dignity and grace. A gentle giant of a person. Our prayers go to Diane and family through these difficult times. We are here to help in anyway that we can.  
Laurena, Christopher, Bashari White and family.

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**Laurena T White** - November 21, 2020 at 11:31 AM

BH

“ A great friend, husband, father, and veteran who served all us in gentle quietness. We will miss Van and the infamous barbecue during our visits with him and Diana.



Diana and family my prayers are with you.

B. Harvey

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**B. Harvey** - November 21, 2020 at 11:03 AM

GP

“ Two of the best things about my Uncle is his love of movies. The first time I saw Superman was on the new HBO. Then there was Silverado. Good memories. The second was watching him cook. He was an artist of food whether it was inside or out on the grill.

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**Gail Phillips** - November 21, 2020 at 08:54 AM

GA

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**George W Allen** - November 21, 2020 at 12:15 AM

RS

“ April, Kayla, Diane and the rest of the Winston family, the Scott family sends love and prayers to you. Mr. Winston was impressive on paper but even more so, in person. May God surround you with peace and comfort during this time of grief. We love you!!!!



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**Rhonda Scott** - November 20, 2020 at 06:57 PM

JM

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**Jennifer Markham** - November 20, 2020 at 12:27 PM

JM

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**Jennifer Markham** - November 20, 2020 at 12:27 PM

TM

“ Family, I'm so sorry for your lost, I know it's hard but God will give you the strength, Peace, and Love that you need.

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**Tina McCaskill** - November 19, 2020 at 08:34 PM

AB

“ Dear April and family,  
My prayers are with you at this time. I pray that your wonderful memories will sustain you and provide you with everlasting comfort.  
Adrienne Sneed Byers

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**Adrienne Sneed Byers** - November 19, 2020 at 04:17 PM

JM

Van was the quintessential Foodie. He prepared many meals for us with so much Love and attention, always presenting in the most delicious and tasteful ways. We'll always miss him, and will hold those fond memories dearly. Edward and Jennifer.

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**Jennifer Markham** - November 20, 2020 at 12:24 PM

GA

We saw him as an unconquered spirit determined to rebound from any adversity, like an early retirement to land the job of his life in New York City, N.Y.. What a champion, What a symbol, What an inspiration.

Van, nobody can take your place in our hearts or in our memories.

Love you, God Bless, Rest in Peace

George and Marjorie

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**George W Allen** - November 20, 2020 at 11:24 PM

GA

*Uncle Van has always inspired me since i was a child, telling me to not to give up on anything Im passionate about. Also I'm never going to forget the bbq's we all use to have as a kid.*

*Miss You Uncle Van*

*Love ya*

*#Restinpower*

*-Geo*

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**Geo Allen** - November 21, 2020 at 12:03 AM

LC

*What a beautiful service for a truly remarkable man. Sending you Diane and family all my love. Lesley Cashman-Peck*

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**Lesley Cashman-Peck** - November 21, 2020 at 01:49 PM

ZB

*Van was the kind of man other men wished they had been and young boys hope they will be.*

*His spirit lives on in the memories of the people he has touched.*

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**ZOOM BAKARI** - November 21, 2020 at 01:57 PM