



Lester "Wayne" Winter

February 16, 1936 - April 7, 2025

Wayne Winter, 89, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2025, in Clovis, California.

A devoted educator, military officer, and beloved family man, Wayne lived a life marked by quiet strength, steadfast dedication, and unwavering integrity. Born on February 16, 1936, in Selma, California, Wayne was the son of TJ and Hazel Winter. He pursued higher education at Fresno State, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment to learning and service. Wayne began his distinguished career in education with the Fresno Unified School District. Starting as a classroom teacher, he steadily advanced into administrative roles including vice-principal and staff development leader. His passion for nurturing future generations extended beyond his initial retirement; he went on to serve another ten years at Fresno State in the teacher training program. Through these roles, Wayne influenced countless students and educators alike with his calm demeanor and deep commitment to excellence. In addition to his contributions in education, Wayne served his country with honor in the Air National Guard Reserves. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after many years of dedicated service. His time in the military brought him great pride and lasting friendships that enriched his life. Wayne was a man of few words but immense heart. He expressed love not through grand gestures but through consistent acts of care and responsibility. Whether guiding students or supporting fellow servicemen and women, he led by example—always striving to do his best. He found joy in simple pleasures, especially

reading. A frequent visitor to the Clovis Library, Wayne was well known and warmly regarded by its staff. The library became a cherished space where he could indulge his curiosity and connect with others who shared his love of books. Wayne's home in Cambria was a source of great joy. In addition to walking the Fiscalini Ranch and Moonstone boardwalk, he simply enjoyed putting around his home and yard. Wayne is survived by his loving wife Betty Winter; son Christopher Winter; daughter Cynthia George; grandson Maxwell Madden and granddaughter-in-law Jacklyn Madden; granddaughter Megan Madden; great-grandchildren Jaxon Madden, Brooklyn Madden, and Ashtin Madden. His legacy also lives on through the many lives he touched during his careers in education and military service. He was preceded in death by his parents, TJ and Hazel Winter. A private family service honoring Wayne's life will be held on April 17. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and serve as a lasting reminder of a life lived with quiet dignity and purpose.

Services will be held privately.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Clarice Byas lit a candle in memory of Lester Winter



Clarice Byas - September 05, 2025 at 12:45 PM

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“ Clarice E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lester "Wayne" Winter.

Clarice E. - September 05, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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“ Debbie & Sherri & families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lester "Wayne" Winter.



Debbie & Sherri & families - April 12, 2025 at 02:20 PM