



## William "Bill" Winkler

May 4, 1924 - September 5, 2016

William "Bill" Winkler, long time resident of Rucker Canyon died September 5, 2016 at the age of 92. He was born in Ajo, Arizona on May 4, 1924 to George Andy Winkler and Kathryn Adams Winkler. Bill served in the United States Navy during WW II, owned and operated Rucker Canyon Ranch, in the 1950's he acted with Shelly Winters in several movies. He was a member of the Douglas Elks Lodge #955, Jerome M. Leonard VFW Post 426 in Douglas, Mount Moriah Lodge #19 F & AM in Douglas and was inducted into the Willcox Cowboy Hall of Fame. Bill was an avid musician playing the fiddle and guitar at many Rucker dances. On April 17, 1946 in Lordsburg, New Mexico he married Doris Seabaugh who preceded him in death on February 11, 2008. Survivors include his daughter Karen (Jim) Barnes of Tucson and his son Rusty (Glenda) Winkler of Rucker Canyon Ranch along with 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Douglas Elks Lodge with a flag presentation by the United States Navy. A barbeque luncheon will follow at the Elks after the memorial. Private burial was held at Rucker Cemetery next to his wife Doris. Contributions may be made in Bill's name to the Willcox Cowboy Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 142, Willcox, AZ 85644. Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona. You may express condolences at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Rucker Cemetery

Elfrida, AZ 85610

# Previous Events

## Memorial

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

Dougals Elks Lodge #955  
650 E. 10th Street  
Douglas, AZ 85607

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Winkler*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM

LM

“ *L S Mahan lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Winkler*



**L S Mahan** - June 02, 2017 at 04:44 AM

LD

“ *Lawana Diffie lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Winkler*



**Lawana Diffie** - September 20, 2016 at 04:06 PM

EH

“ *On behalf of the Huddleston family I would like to send my condolences to the family of Bill Winkler. I first met Bill about 20 years ago while running a DOC crew tasked with helping the USFS with fencing and other natural resource projects. I really enjoyed visiting with Bill and always looked forward to spending time with him out at the Rucker Canyon Ranch. Sitting out on his porch and listening to his stories was a real treat for me. Bill was part of our nations greatest generation and I strongly respected him and always felt honored to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of loss.*

*Respectfully,  
Eric Huddleston*

*Sent from my iPhone*

**Eric Huddleston** - September 14, 2016 at 07:19 PM

LC

“ *will miss visiting bill and telling cowboy stories a good friend the worlds a bit sadder with him gone lyle clemson*

**lyle clemson** - September 13, 2016 at 06:33 PM

JB

“ *John M And Vicki Bohmfalk lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Winkler*



John M and Vicki Bohmfalk - September 12, 2016 at 06:43 PM

AM

“ *Al and Linda Zimmer and girls, Sarah and Martha purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – White for the family of William "Bill" Winkler.*



Al and Linda Zimmer and girls, Sarah and Martha - September 09, 2016 at 11:25 PM

LZ

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Linda Zimmer - September 09, 2016 at 10:49 PM

LZ

“ *A nice memory from years ago is of a visit with Bill and Doris on the ranch when Bill and Rusty played and sang cowboy songs for us. When I was a kid, Bill and Doris came to visit us in Missouri. and before Bill left he gave me his own very nice cowboy hat--a real cowboy hat from a real cowboy. The last visit to Arizona to see Bill and Doris we had our children with us, and the youngest ate Bill's jerky off the line on the front porch. The jerky was a big hit because it was so good.*  
*Linda Mayfield Zimmer*

Linda Zimmer - September 09, 2016 at 10:48 PM

LZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Linda Joyce Zimmer - September 09, 2016 at 10:15 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Winkler.



September 09, 2016 at 02:01 PM

BM

“ There are so many memories of your folks from the times we went to the ropings he held to your mom working in the store, the wonderful times I had several summers when I stayed with you. I will always remember his smile and sense of humor. He will be missed by many but mostly by you kids. The world will be a bit less with him gone but he will always be in your heart.

Barbara Morgan - September 09, 2016 at 01:51 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Winkler.



September 08, 2016 at 07:34 PM

Tamy Mattingly

“ There are so many amazing memories. Every summer of my youth was spent with them. He was always one of my favorite people. He would always tell me I was his best cowboy. I think my best memory was two weeks ago. We laughed, remembered the his times and he sang. He was a beautiful soul and I will miss him dearly. I have so many great memories and I'm very thankful for that. Your always in my heart. I love you grandpa

Tamy Mattingly - September 08, 2016 at 05:49 PM

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**Tamy Mattingly** - September 08, 2016 at 05:49 PM

JM

“ Jackie Maddux lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Winkler



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**Jackie Maddux** - September 06, 2016 at 09:54 PM