



## Richard "Dick" Winkler

October 22, 1953 - September 4, 2020

Richard "Dick" Winkler, age 66, passed away on Friday, September 4, 2020 at his home in Groveland.

He was born to Richard Dale and Jean Rosalie (Stone) Winkler on October 22, 1953 in Peoria. He married Michele Lee Patterson on October 30, 2019 in Eureka.

Dick is survived by his wife Michele of Groveland; one son, Matthew (Amanda) Winkler of Metamora; two grandchildren, Bjorn and Brynn Winkler; and 2 stepsons, Andrew and Matthew Adele. He is also survived by three sisters, Deborah (Rick) Garrison of Tremont, DeDe (J.R.) Friedrich of Germantown Hills, and Danine (Terry) Grebner of Glasford.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dick earned his Master's in School Psychology from Eastern Illinois University and worked for DCFS as a statewide coordinator.

It was Dick's wish to be cremated, and there will be no services held at this time. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Dick" Winkler*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *I only learned of Dick's passing today. I had the pleasure of working with Dick for many years at DCFS. He taught me so much. He could always make you laugh even in the worst of times. He often wore pink shirts. I always told him only real men wear pink. RIP Dick. Now you're with our buddy Ambie, stay out of trouble.*

**trish hammonds** - October 06, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ *Too many memories to pick just one. Our times running the neighborhood and fighting off imaginary bad guys. Dick was always up for fun times. Will always cherish the memories of a childhood well spent. Condolences to all the Winkler family.*

**Jim Fanning** - September 07, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *My best memories of Dick were the times he spent at Grandpa and Grandma Winkler's farm in East Peoria. We worked in the fields, occasionally throwing rotten tomatoes at each other. We played basketball in the gravel barn yard and drank cold water out of the tap at the water trough. Naturally it turned into a water fight! We shared holiday dinners at Grandma's house and opened presents under the cedar Christmas tree. Will miss him. Rest in Peace Cuz Cindy Winkler*

**Cindy Winkler** - September 07, 2020 at 12:35 PM

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“ *I'm truly sorry for your loss, may the strength and peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be of comfort to you all. Sincerely, Tom Gilson*

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**Tom Gilson** - September 05, 2020 at 09:06 PM

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“ *I began working with Dick in 1984 and we worked closely together for many years. He was smart and so so funny. Dick was dedicated to his work and worked for the best interests of children. There are so many stories to share about this one of a kind man.*  
*Kim Sharp*

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**kim sharp** - September 05, 2020 at 08:13 PM