



## Morris Winston Jr.

June 5, 1934 - February 28, 2026

Morris Winston, also known as Maurice or “Tottie,” was a man with a comedic and vibrant personality. He was passionate, full of strong opinions, and always willing to offer advice — whether you asked for it or not. He loved a lively debate and rarely missed the opportunity to jump into one.

Maurice was married to Barbara Winston for 57 years, and together we built a beautiful family and legacy. He was a devoted father to Maria (Morris Wells), Maurice Eric, and Mark (Lisa). He had a one-of-a-kind way of calling out “Barbara” — a voice and tone that no one else could replicate. The impersonations he did of family members during our “pillow talks” are now family legends that still bring laughter and warmth to my heart.

He was an excellent provider and worked as a Supervisor of Material Control at Chrysler Corporation for 30 years. Later, he supported me in running our family business, Affordable Transportation — and that was an experience! Always wanting to be the boss, he was “written up” many times by me for insubordination (LOL), and though he frequently asked for raises, I couldn’t fire him — he was too valuable.

Maurice was a great husband. He was a protector, a confidant, an entertainer, and truly my soulmate.

He was a devoted family man — always offering advice (sometimes too much!) but never withholding support. Maria was his “Daddy’s girl,” the apple of his eye. Mark was the questioner and a chip off the old block. Eric was his spitting image. Lisa, who called him “Dad” like no other, was his ideal

daughter-in-law — loyal, supportive, and always there for him.

He loved his children deeply and cherished the grandchildren and great-grandchildren they gave us: Cedric (Gloria), Candace (Derrick), Chaela, Christian (Adebola), Alexia (Lonnie), Marq, Marques, and Erik. Each of them held a special place in his heart. And yes — he had nicknames for them (which they'd probably be embarrassed if I printed here!). They loved that he never acted like an “old grandpa.” He played tennis, football, spades, danced, and played poker with them well into his late 80s. He was still playing cards with them at his 90th birthday celebration. He even knew some rap songs and kept up with the hip-hop world through TMZ.

To his great-grandchildren — Carter (“Lil Bro”), Lonnie Ashton (“Screaming Jay”), Avaiya, Alaiya, Levi, Ethan, and Caleb — he was pure joy and love. The pictures of them together tell a love story of their own.

Maurice was a father figure not only to his own children but also to many others. Kevin, Anthony, DeAnna, and Shawn were like extended children — young people whose lives he touched and influenced over the years.

He wasn't a fan of flying, but we made many road trips together — especially down South to visit his brothers and sisters. Maurice was the eldest child of Morris Sr. and Mamie Winston. He is preceded in death by his brothers Sam, Clarence, Robert, and his sister Lucy. He is survived by his sisters Barbara (in Philadelphia), Diane, Connie, and Patricia (in Lanett, Alabama), the place where he — Morris Jr. (called “Maurice” by me — and that's a story in itself!) — was born 91 years ago.

We also traveled often to St. Petersburg, Florida to visit my side of the family. He remained close with his brother-in-laws, Askia Aquil (Katurah) and Alonzo Favors (Uli), and he held a special bond with his niece Thembi and her children, Khafi and Nasif. He also shared connections with nieces and nephews in St. Petersburg, Detroit, Alabama, and beyond.

He leaves behind a legacy of family dedication, strength, love, and humor. He is also mourned by his many cousins and friends.

Maurice was a good neighbor and an active member of every community in

which he lived. If there were bylaws to be known, trust me — he knew them and made sure you knew them too! He had a hand in keeping neighborhoods strong, homes maintained, and community bonds tight — especially on Kristy Lane, where he looked out for the entire Kristy Lane family.

He held close friendships with Timmy (Shirley), Benji (Kay), Cliff and the Johnny, Clarissa, and Jabari Parker family. He loved getting daily texts from Cynthia Moore — all who meant the world to him.

We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge a dear devoted friend/brother Robert Moss. Robert's unwavering support, care, kindness, and enduring patience did not go unnoticed. He faithfully sat by his friend's side each day at the hospital and continued that same commitment throughout his hospice journey. In fact, we joked, that Robert worked a daily shift Monday through Friday from 3:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Out of all those days, he was only absent twice and just like his friend Maurice, he was written up.

Maurice Winston was a giant of a man. He loved people and would talk to anyone he crossed paths with — whether in the grocery store, at the lottery machine, the casino, or on one of his many daily walks (which he continued until just 12 months ago when he fell ill). Everyone who knew Maurice has a funny story to tell about their interaction with him.

Maurice, we did it. We loved each other — through sickness and health, for better or worse — just as we vowed, 'til death did us part. You will forever be in my heart.

I love you.

– Barbara

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
24585 Evergreen Rd  
Southfield, MI 48075  
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<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Live-streamed funeral service in memory of Morris Winston Jr.*



**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - March 07 at 12:50 PM

CM

“ *Rest In Peace my Good Buddy. You were my Good Buddy and I was your “Sinbad@ for over 26 years. Love you and will miss you. I know you are watching your Service right now and I know you are well pleased Until we meet again. Crack them up in Heaven with your jokes. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️*

**Cynthia M. Lindsey Moore** - March 07 at 12:37 PM

GF

“ *Gwen Wells and Family purchased the Arrive in S tyle for the family of Morris Winston Jr..*



**Gwen Wells and Family** - March 07 at 09:44 AM

GF

“ *Gwen Wells and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Morris Winston Jr..*

**Gwen Wells and Family** - March 07 at 09:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Morris Winston Jr..*



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March 06 at 10:03 PM



“ *Toni Sellers-Pitts and Jacob Pitts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Morris Winston Jr..*



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**Toni Sellers-Pitts and Jacob Pitts** - March 06 at 04:15 PM



“ *From Kristy Woods HOA Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Morris Winston Jr..*



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**From Kristy Woods HOA Family** - March 06 at 12:12 PM



“ *Dr John E. Mitchner, MD purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Morris Winston Jr..*



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**Dr John E. Mitchner, MD** - March 06 at 12:09 PM

DM

“ Dr John E. Mitchner, MD planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Morris Winston Jr..

Dr John E. Mitchner, MD - March 06 at 12:09 PM

CW

“ Carney & Asia Wofford purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Morris Winston Jr..



Carney & Asia Wofford - March 05 at 07:01 PM

CW

“ Carney & Asia Wofford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Morris Winston Jr..

Carney & Asia Wofford - March 05 at 07:01 PM

JP

“ Morris was a prime example of a strong family man! You could feel the love each time you saw him and would leave the Winston household happy with a feel good laugh!!! I am so glad that the family has sooo many happy memories to cherish. Rest in peace Maurice. What a great ride!!!



Janice Le Platte-Thomas - March 03 at 09:56 PM

KA

“ With so much love, we remember you! We can't help but to smile when we think about you and what you mean to us all. Our family is blessed to have known and loved you. - Squeaky, DJ, Yunari, Naimah



Kahfi - March 03 at 06:32 PM

LJ

“ Love, Shawn, DeAnna, Sydney & Jordyn purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Morris Winston Jr..



Love, Shawn, DeAnna, Sydney & Jordyn - March 03 at 02:55 PM

QF

“ Quintin Maurice Sr. and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Morris Winston Jr..



Quintin Maurice Sr. and Family - March 03 at 08:39 AM

QF

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Quintin Maurice Sr. and Family - March 03 at 08:39 AM

JF

“ Julia Winston aka Sally and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Morris Winston Jr..



Julia Winston aka Sally and family - March 03 at 06:19 AM

JF

“ Julia Winston aka Sally and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Morris Winston Jr..

Julia Winston aka Sally and family - March 03 at 06:19 AM

LH

“ Love Moe, Sara, Leila & Zeyad Hachem purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Morris Winston Jr..



Love Moe, Sara, Leila & Zeyad Hachem - March 02 at 09:57 PM

BW

“ A Great Man! Forever in our hearts 💕. Benjie and Kay.

Benjie Woods - March 02 at 09:31 PM

GJ

“ Gordon & Antrice Johnson purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Morris Winston Jr..



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**Gordon & Antrice Johnson** - March 02 at 09:14 PM

CF

“ Cedric Carter and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Morris Winston Jr..



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**Cedric Carter and Family** - March 02 at 06:57 PM