



# ***Mothers Hold Their Children's Hands For A Short While, But Their Hearts Forever***



**Elaine Wickstrom Winton**

*September 3, 1937 – September 14, 2018*

Our best friend, our biggest supporter and cheerleader, our wise counselor, the matriarch of the Winton family and our greatly loved Mom transitioned to Heaven, just days after we celebrated her 81st birthday on a beautiful autumn day at Wall Street Dairy. Little did we know that this would be the last day we would all be together until eleven days later when she left this world for a better place.

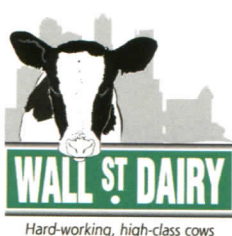
While Mom first became ill in June shortly after returning from her Florida winter home, and even though she was hospitalized several times over the summer months, it appeared that she had turned the corner for the better and she was released to her home that she shared with our brother, Scott. Her wishes from the beginning of her illness were to allow her to come home regardless of the prognosis, and with the help of Scott, other family members and friends and hospice, this is where she transitioned to her final eternal resting place. We were by her side when she took her last breath and it was both heartbreaking and beautiful. We should all be so fortunate.

Mom was a life-long dairy farmer along with our late father, Archie, and she had many responsibilities on the farm including record keeping, feeding calves, washing milking equipment, driving tractor and trying to keep track of four active farm boys. She later helped raise three of her grandchildren and adored all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mom rarely missed a dairy, dog, horse or rabbit competition or other family event, and for three generations, she was a permanent fixture ringside at the Chautauqua County Fair, cheering on not only her family members but for all of the young people competing.

Mom was always grateful for the smallest of kindnesses given to her, right up until the end of her life where she would thank us with a sweet and faint smile for rolling her over, for putting a swab of water in her mouth, or for just sitting with her and holding her hand. As most farm people do, she had a hard life, including suffering a great deal of loss, but she never lost her faith in God, her sunny disposition, her belief that all people are honest and honorable or the love she shared with everyone. As a matter of fact, Mom always ended every phone call and in-personal conversation with "I love you."

While we miss our Mom tremendously and we have an immeasurable void in our lives, we are thankful that we were born into a family with such a loving, caring and humble mother. She gave us all a life full of warm and wonderful memories and taught us many valuable lessons about life and how to live it to the fullest and with no regrets.

We'd like to thank our many friends, neighbors and family members who have been with us during this difficult journey. Your expressions of support and kindness are sustaining us today and in the future.



**Wall Street Dairy LLC**

The Winton Family  
and Jim Modica



# Obituary

## ELAINE W. WINTON



Elaine Wickstrom Winton, 81, of Sinclairville, N.Y., and Iverness, Fla., transitioned to her eternal resting place at her home in the early and quiet hours of Friday, Sept. 14, 2018. She was cared for during her final journey by her greatly loved youngest son and devoted companion, Scott, with support from other family

members, Lake Erie Home Dialysis and Chautauqua Hospice & Palliative Care.

She was born in Jamestown, N.Y., Sept. 3, 1937, the oldest child of Elmer and Violet (Frederes) Wickstrom. She graduated from Falconer Central School, class of 1955 and married her husband of 45 years, the late Archie Winton, on Sept. 3, 1955, at the Levant Wesleyan Church.

As a young woman, Elaine was an accomplished skater, swimmer and bowler and enjoyed a number of other athletic activities. Both her paternal and maternal grandparents were dairy farmers, so it was natural for her to marry a dairy farmer. She was proud of her Swedish roots and spoke fondly and often of Swedish customs learned from her paternal grand parents who immigrated from Sweden.

Elaine and her husband were owners and operators of the multi-generational dairy farm, Arlaine Farms, in Sinclairville. In addition to being an active partner in the family farm, she was also a homemaker, devoted mother to her four sons, grandchildren and a community volunteer. She was active in the South Stockton Church of God (now the Wayside Chapel), Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, Cassadaga Valley Parents Teachers Association, Ross Mills Cemetery Association and March of Dimes. She was a longtime leader of the former Towerville Tornadoes 4-H Club.

Elaine and Archie enjoyed being snowbirds at their winter home in Florida, and she was active in a number of religious and civic organizations there including working as a volunteer in the nursery of the Hernando Church of the Nazarene Church. After her husband's death in 2000, she continued to lead an active life in Florida, over the winter months, thanks to the love and companionship of her friends there. In fact, she spent the winter of 2018 in Florida and only became ill upon returning back to New York in May of this year.

She loved all children, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was always present at all

of their events and competitions, including sporting events, 4-H and livestock competitions and musical events. She was a fixture at the Chautauqua County Fair and for more than three generations, she could be seen ringside at various dairy and livestock competitions, cheering on the young people and keeping track of the show results.

Her family and friends appreciated her daily sense of gratitude for everything in her life, her intense kindness and loyalty, her trademark humility and unparalleled sense of commitment and compassion. Her faith in God was at the center of her life and was a driving force throughout her life, including the final days. She always had a kind and gentle word of support and encouragement for everyone she met. She ended every conversation, whether it be on the phone or in person with a simple but powerful, "I love you."

Elaine had an angelic singing voice and the most beautiful handwriting.

Surviving are her four sons Jeff: (Jim Modica) Winton of Chicago, Boston and Mayville, Monty (Debbie) Winton, Todd Winton, and Scott Winton, all of Sinclairville. Also surviving are grandchildren: Todd (Missy) Winton Jr., Brian (Sarah) Winton, Felicia Winton, Melissa (Tyler) Griswold, Jason (Ashley) Winton, Emily Winton, Abbey Carnes and Jacob Beebe; and great-grandchildren: Brooke and Brenden Winton, Lance and Madison Griswold, Paige and Wyatt Winton, Sydney Winton and Ethan Willebrandt and Evelyn and Colten Winton.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her greatly loved and missed grandson, Brooks, who died in 2012; by her husband, Archie, who died in 2000; and her brother, Dennis Wickstrom, who died in 2003.

Calling hours were held at Riles & Woolley Funeral Home, Forestville, with funeral services September 17 from Park Church, Cassadaga Campus with Pastor Joe Osborne, of the North Harmony United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment followed in Red Bird Cemetery, Route 380, Sinclairville.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Chautauqua County Cooperative Extension 4-H Dairy Project, Attn: Kate Ewer 3542, Turner Road, Jamestown, NY 14701.

To post condolences go to [www.rilesandwoolleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.rilesandwoolleyfuneralhome.com).

Above all else, the family requests that ongoing, generous acts of kindness be extended to others in her memory. Please also let those you love know how you feel each and every day. This is how she lived her life and how she expected others to live.

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*"No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude." — Alfred North Whitehead*

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