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Gloria Winston

DECEMBER 5, 1926 – MARCH 8, 2025



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Sugarman Sinai Memorial Chapel

Gloria (Markoff) Winston, age 98, of Providence, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2025 at The Miriam Hospital, Providence, RI. Beloved by and devoted to her extended family, she was a compassionate listener, a dear friend, and an active

and generous member of her community. She met the great love of her life, the late James W. Winston, while he was a midshipman at the Naval Academy, and they enjoyed 50 wonderful years together.

Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Ruth (Urdang) Markoff and the sister of the late Dorothy (Markoff) Nelson and the late Bernice (Markoff) Gourse. She attended John Howland, Nathan Bishop, and Hope High schools before earning a bachelor's degree from Pembroke College with a major in Sociology and minor in Psychology. In 2024, she celebrated her 75th Reunion (Class of 1948) by leading the Brown graduation alumni procession down College Hill.

In her later years she loved living at Laurelmead, an active retirement community. She brought her forever-young spirit to making new friends, serving on resident committees, playing bridge, learning to meditate, and strengthening connections among residents new and old.

A life-long and proud Rhode Islander, she founded and was President of Program Coordinators, which provided touring services to visitors to RI. She also served as Community Relations Director for Paramount Greeting Cards, a company founded by her father and led for many years by her dear husband Jimmy. Always a gracious hostess, she entertained her large circle of friends and welcomed the former first lady of Egypt, Madam Sadat to her home.

Volunteering and giving back to her community was a throughline of her life. Starting as a teenager, she was the longest-serving volunteer at The Miriam Hospital where connecting with patients was her greatest joy and honor. She volunteered with the Council of Jewish Women to welcome and settle new Americans and was a counselor and clinic assistant at Planned Parenthood. She co-chaired a capital fund drive for Butler Hospital, chaired the RISD Museum's first annual fund drive in the 1970s, and chaired telethons for the RI Philharmonic and the United Arts Fund. Among the many other organizations

where she contributed her talents and boundless energy were Trinity Rep, Camp Jori, Temple Beth-El, and Meals on Wheels.

Family was the most important thing to her. She was always curious about the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, connecting with them regularly and always sending a card for each birthday and anniversary. She made every effort to be a continuous presence in their lives. She supported them in hard times and took pride in their accomplishments. She attended celebrations and sporting events and cared about whatever they cared about. Nicknamed GoGo as a child, even to her last days, she did not want to miss anything.

She was predeceased by her son, the late Shmuel Weinstein of Jerusalem, Israel. She is survived by two children, Laura Winston and her husband Rob Bruno of St. Augustine, FL and Ted Winston and his wife Denise of Wakefield, RI; daughter-in-law Chana Weinstein of Jerusalem, Israel; twelve grandchildren; twenty-eight great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 13, 2025 in the Redwood Chapel at Swan Point Cemetery, 585 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, RI. Burial will follow. Shiva will be observed on March 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Laurelmead, 355 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, RI.

Those that were unable to attend services may view recording here https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/0loO-BVPncloImN-qPNpY02VBqD0nMZ40NEB0ejNvuBZPLDy8z_dGT8_-3IZr0-c.DvyLxBm61CANeZi5?startTime=1741876759000 or by clicking the link below.

Memorial contributions in Gloria's honor may be made to The Miriam Hospital and the James and Gloria Winston Scholarship Fund at the RISD Museum.

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The Miriam Hospital and the James and Gloria Winston Scholarship Fund at the RISD Museum

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

Funeral Service

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Burial to follow

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ALL MEMORIES FROM THE FAMILY

Joanne Rongo

04/07/2025

Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) extends its heartfelt sympathy to the Winston and Markoff families in the death of Mrs. Gloria Markoff Winston. We are very grateful for her life. She was a strong supporter from the time of our founding in 1979. Mrs. Winston's caring heart and her generosity helped many a Rhode Islander who came to VSA for help for their companion animals. She will be missed.
Joanne J. Rongo writing for the Board of Directors & Volunteers

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Andrea and Lew Finkel

03/23/2025

Andrea and I were saddened to learn of Gloria's passing. We feel fortunate to have known her and Jimmy also. Our thoughts are with the entire family in these most difficult of times. The Finkels.

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Joyce and Bob Starr

Friend

03/17/2025

Dear Family, I have had the pleasure of knowing The Markoff sisters for at least 75 plus years. Gloria had so much purpose, spirit and love of family. She was pure joy in my book. May you all be left with amazing memories of a very special lady. Fondly, Joyce Fox Starr. and Bob Starr

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Patti Green
Friend

03/16/2025

Dear Laura, Teddy,Bob&Denise,
I am so sad to hear of Gloria's passing. She was a vibrant, enthusiastic, positive presence! She always had a smile and such positivity! I always loved being in her presence! And Gloria had the very best laugh!! She really was a special person who lived a beautiful and full life!
Thinking of all of you. I enjoyed listening to everyone's stories.. particularly the story about dynamite!
Lots of love,
Patti Green
I would love to hear from you! 760-851-4543

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Betsy Shea-Taylor

Friend

03/16/2025

Wherever Gloria was, there was something glorious going on. She was a kind, welcoming person who made me feel valued when I joined the Laurelmead community one year ago. When she heard I'd adopted a shelter cat, she invited me to her home because she had a toy gift for George 🐈. Lovely lady.

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Gail Sarner

Family

03/13/2025

Gloria and Jimmy, have meant so much to me throughout my life and I have always felt very close to them. They were openly loving, kind and generous with their time. Whether it was a trip up to Providence, to visit you all, play with MYChum, an Army/Navy Football game or a large family gathering...Bar Mitzvah or wedding, Gloria always made me feel special and part of your gang. As a kid, I preferred your house to mine!! I would come back to CT and beg my parents for another dog!

As time passed, Jimmy made investments with me at my company, helped my trajectory, and we had even more opportunities to get together for business meetings. When I moved to Paris for a year, Gloria and Jimmy visited me and we had so much fun. Your parents were always soooooooo much fun.

I have so many photos and little memory gifts (monkeys) from Gloria; I can barely believe she is gone, as she has been a constant in my life.

I am truly sorry..... but I cannot come to the funeral, as I have 7 women; a political group I am a part of, and I am having a "summit" at my place in East Hampton. This was planned months ago.....They are arriving on Thursday for the weekend.

I too loved Gloria like another Mother. Much Love, Gail Sarner

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John A. Goncalves

Friend

03/13/2025

Gloria Winston may you rest in eternal peace. My sincere condolences to the entire Winton family.
What a gem you have been Gloria! I have cherished our friendship over the years. Most recently your beautiful wedding message. Our community is in a better place today for all your contributions. Thank you for sharing your joy over the years with Laurelmead. You will be missed. Peace and comfort to all.

John A. Goncalves

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John M Berman

Family

03/11/2025

Gloria was incredibly gracious at all times. She allowed me to live with her family family one summer in the upstairs maid's quarter on Wayland avenue in about 1963 or 1964, and that generosity of spirit never stopped.

I regret I cannot come personally to her celebration. I have court commitments.

I loved Gloria like my mother and will miss her deeply.

John Berman

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From the Family

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