



## Ivan Winder Sr.

June 30, 1972 - June 10, 2024

Ivan Lee Winder Sr., son of Doll L. Winder and Russell L. Winder Sr. was born on June 30, 1972 in Lewis, DE. Ivan, transitioned, on Monday, June 10, 2024 at home, in Snellville, Georgia, he was 51.

Ivan was the second (2nd) of four (4) children. He received his early education in the Indian River School District and graduated high school from Sussex Central High School Georgetown, DE. Ivan also studied Masonry at Sussex Vo-Tech in Georgetown, Delaware. He attended Dickinson Chapel AME Church, Millsboro, DE in his adolescent years.

After graduating, he enlisted in the Military, choosing the Navy. Ivan excelled at K-9 Training and eventually became a Kennel Master, stationed in Iraq for all K-9's in that unit. He retired with over 20 plus years of faithful service, he eventually contracted with the Military doing K-9 Detection Services, and ended his professional career working at DHL.

Ivan met his wife, Mekdes Shifraw Winder, while serving overseas. They married, and went on to have one (1) beautiful child together, Javon Winder.

Ivan's keen sense of humor, smile and laugh would leave you wanting more. Ivan LOVED animals, cooking, grilling, sports and being outside, which started as a young boy. He joined the football team in his adolescence and was dubbed, Ivan The Terrible, as he would own and dominate his position as Line Backer. His major love of dogs and his ability to understand them is what shifted him to K-9 work. If you wanted to see Ivan in his happy place, training was it. To know him was to fall in love with him, and his zest for life! He was big on respect and had a work ethic like no other. He was kind, loving, passionate, creative, thoughtful, full of life, and loved his family. If you were able to be accepted into his life as a friend, you at that point, were family. Ivan was always fun, he lived every moment as if it was his last with no regrets. He was a protector, a provider, a confidant, no nonsense, and he loved working with his hands.

He had a passion to learn and share the information he came across with whoever he came in contact with. He enjoyed playing spades, and sports, as a Loyal Comanders (Redskin) fan. Sitting back sipping on a cold one, and having a smoke is how you would find him during football season.

Ivan was preceded in death by both of his paternal and maternal, grandmothers and grandfathers, as well as aunts and uncles.

Ivan leaves behind his wife Mekdes Shifraw Winder; two (2) sons, Javon Winder of Snellville, GA and Ivan Winder Jr. of Dover, DE; one (1) daughter Kayla Winder of Townsend, DE; mother Doll Winder of Dasgboro, DE; father

Russell Winder Sr. Of Delmar, DE; two (2) brothers, Russell Winder Jr. of Manchester, PA and Phillip Winder of Millsboro, DE; one (1) sister Nadia Winder of Harrisburg, PA; along with a host of sister-in-laws, nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Ivan always said that he lived! He traveled and saw a lot, even at his young age of 51. He would say, that if he was to go, tomorrow, that he was ok with that. Not many people can say that they have experienced, traveled or enjoyed life like he did, in what we consider to be such a short amount of time. He would say, "it's not fun, if you're not being a little naughty". The next second, minute, hour, week or month is not guaranteed to you. Ivan understood that. He didn't have a church home, but he knew the Grace and Mercy that God shows and FOREVER poured over his life. He was the definition of "Riding this thing till the wheels fall off". You will forever be Loved, Missed and Remembered!

A Celebration of Life Service was held on MONDAY, June 17, 2024 at our Gwinnett Chapel, Bishop Michael Johnson officiated. Interment took place at Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA.

Please express your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, 914 Scenic Hwy., Lawrenceville, GA 30045 (Gwinnett Chapel), 770.338.5558

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive  
Canton, Ga 30114

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Gwinnett  
914 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

## Burial w/ Military Honors

JUN 17. 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SC

“ I was deployed to Iraq with Ivan back in 2007. I was a little E4 and he was a E6. We were the only Navy on the FOB. I turned to Ivan for guidance and mentorship. Rest Easy Brother!

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**Scott Chilko** - June 21, 2024 at 11:20 AM

JD

“ I was in Norfolk for the first time with my camera, My first impression of him was his contagious smile and twinkly eyes when he was introduced to me. I immediately felt at ease. Later I had to go replenish my film and batteries so I took off walking the direction of a store. I got totally turned around and the next thing I knew I heard honking to get my attention. He had been driving around Norfolk hoping to find me before I was totally lost. Too late for that but I am thankful he cared enough to find me and take me to actually get the film and then take me back where I was supposed to be. He was easy to talk to and made me feel quite at ease.Ivan, I am glad to have been able to get to know you over the years. Jan Dagley

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**Jan Dagley** - June 20, 2024 at 04:41 PM

GC

“ Cousin, you are gone too soon. But, God knows the plans he has for us. Gretchen Church

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**Gretchen Church** - June 16, 2024 at 02:21 PM

JM

“ To Ivan's parents, Philip, Russell, Nadia, Kayla, Ivan Jr., and Javon, I know you don't know me, but I know how much Ivan loved you. I am so glad that you got the time you did with him. You had an amazing Son, Brother, and Father. My condolences to all of you in this time of grief.



Jamie McCoy - June 16, 2024 at 01:30 PM

JM

“ Jamie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ivan Winder Sr..

Jamie M. - June 16, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jamie McCoy - June 16, 2024 at 01:03 PM

JM

My dearest person in the world to me.

Jamie McCoy - June 20, 2024 at 03:03 PM

MG

“ I'm deeply saddened by the passing of our dear neighbor and friend. But he was more than just that, he was family. Ivan was a truly wonderful person, always ready with a kind word and a helping hand. His generosity, warmth, and genuine kindness touched the lives of everyone around him. WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU IVAN . OUR BROTHER AND BEST FRIEND

Mohammad Gurban - June 16, 2024 at 12:01 AM

JM

I am so sorry for your loss Mohammed. You are one of only a couple people that he talked about. I am so glad that you got to visit before he was gone.

Jamie McCoy - June 16, 2024 at 12:58 PM

MG

“ Mohammad G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ivan Winder Sr..

Mohammad G. - June 15, 2024 at 11:26 PM

JA

“ Ivan had the best laugh and the sweetest smile. He had a heart that was golden and loving. Javon, you were the light of his life and he loved you dearly.

Jamie - June 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM

KK

“ Keisha Kilson lit a candle in memory of Ivan Winder Sr.



Keisha Kilson - June 13, 2024 at 01:39 PM

KK

“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the Winder family. Ivan you will truly be missed. Such a good guy. Gone but never forgotten.

Keisha Kilson - June 13, 2024 at 01:39 PM

RD

“ Robyn Douthitt lit a candle in memory of Ivan Winder Sr.



Robyn Douthitt - June 13, 2024 at 10:36 AM

RD

You will truly be missed boss man. Never Will forget when I would talk to you and you always Said wat up country we both Was raised in the country

Robyn Douthitt - June 13, 2024 at 10:37 AM

TF

“ The Reid Family purchased the Blue & White Funeral Standing Spray for the family of Ivan Winder Sr..



The Reid Family - June 12, 2024 at 05:46 PM

TF

“ The Reid Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ivan Winder Sr..

The Reid Family - June 12, 2024 at 05:46 PM