



Jacob M. Winger

December 5, 1918 - October 28, 2014

J.M. Winger, formerly of Abilene, passed away October 28, 2014, in Jacksonville, TX. J.M. was born in Mercersburg, PA, December 5, 1918, and moved to Haines City, FL at the age of 5. Prior to moving to Abilene in November 1947, he lived in Winter Haven and Orlando. He was a previous member of Winter Haven Jaycees and the Florida State Guard. In October 1947, he married Evelyn Norton in Haines City, FL.

J.M. graduated from Haines City High School and attended Blackburn College in Carlinville, IL and Southern School of Commerce in Orlando.

J.M. was a lifelong Presbyterian, serving as a deacon at Central Presbyterian Church on Grape St., prior to Central and First Presbyterian uniting in 1970.

J.M. worked as a deacon representative from Central Presbyterian to successfully combine the finances, accounting, and records of the two churches. He was later elected as an elder at First Central Presbyterian. He served on various committees and was a member of the Covenant Sunday School class and a director of Christ House.

He was very interested in music, having sung in the First Central Church choir and other church choirs and choral groups for 60+ years. He was a supporter of the Abilene Philharmonic Association for many years.

J.M. retired in April 1985 after 31 years at KRBC Radio and TV as office manager, accountant, financial controller, and secretary/treasurer for the corporation, Abilene Radio and Television Co.

He was part owner and general manager of Nabor Drive-in grocery stores

from 1957-1965 (operating 10 drive-in stores in Abilene). He also served as a director for Independent Grocers, Inc. of Abilene.

J.M. believed strongly in the work of the Presbyterian Medical Care Mission and the Christian service that the mission rendered to the many patients of Abilene and the surrounding counties. He felt so strongly that, after retirement, he volunteered there five days a week for 13 years, serving as a board member, secretary/treasurer, and accountant.

He enjoyed a lifetime as a tennis player. He was a former officer, game official, and director of the Abilene Tennis Association. He participated in tournaments and received a number of trophies and awards, but particularly enjoyed the competition and fellowship of many tennis players for more than 75 years.

Also a source of great enjoyment for six years was his participation in the Men's Bible Study Fellowship, as well as other church Bible study groups.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of Jacksonville; one daughter Martha (Marty) Dawson and husband, Dr. Von Dawson, of Reklaw, TX; two sons, John Winger, and wife, Cheryl, of Prosper, TX; and Dr. Mell Winger and wife, Paula, of Colorado Springs, CO; sister-in-law Nancy Winger of Haines City, FL; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert Winger and John Winger.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com. Memorial gifts may be made to the Presbyterian Medical Care Mission, 1857 Pine St., Abilene 79601, The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701, or to the donor's favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



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“ *J.M. Winger took me under his wing and saved a nineteen-year-old girl from a very unpleasant situation at KRBC-TV/Radio. He was my hero. To this day, I tell the story of Mr. Winger. He was a gift. I loved him.* ”

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