



## Ernest Lee "Ernie" Winfrey

May 14, 2019

NASHVILLE – Ernest Lee “Ernie” Winfrey, age 77, passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2019 in Skyline Hospital in Nashville.

Ernie was a sound engineer for 23 years at Woodland Studios and SoundShop Studios, and worked closely with legends such as Paul McCartney, Dolly Parton, Neil Young, Gladys Knight, Marty Robbins, Chet Atkins, Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, Millie Jackson, Wilson Pickett, Joe Tex, Janie Fricke, Ronnie McDowell, Mac Davis, TG Sheppard, Gove Scrivenor, Amy Grant, Lee Greenwood, and Joan Baez.

One of his biggest joys was reconnecting with Paul McCartney in 2016, 42 years after working with him on the Junior's Farm album at SoundShop in 1974. Ernie received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Audio Engineering Society's Nashville Chapter in 2014 for his life's work and contribution to the music industry.

Ernie is survived by his mother, Kathleen Winfrey, son, Philip N. (Christy) Winfrey, Granddaughter, Tabitha Brooke Winfrey, aunt, Rosie (LS) Williams, uncle, James Shoemake, aunt, Cylettia Goode, aunt, Edith Wallace, aunt, Pat Wallace, and two great-grandchildren, Jace and Millie.

He was preceded in death by his father, Philip M Winfrey.

Contributions for final expenses and Ernie's mother's care may be sent to The Winfrey Family, in care of Philip Winfrey, PO Box 160010, Nashville, TN 37216

A memorial service will be held Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 4-6 pm at

Riverwood Church of Christ in Nashville.

# Events

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**MAY** **Memorial Service** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Riverwood Church of Christ

1904 McGavock Pk, Nashville, TN, US, 37216

# Comments

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“ Christy Winfrey is following this tribute.

Christy Winfrey - May 24 at 05:15 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of his passing, he was a great guy and a great engineer. Always very kind and funny to my late brother Lynn and I. -Sincerely, Lee Peterzell

Lee Peterzell - May 24 at 01:03 PM

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“ Sending my love and most heartfelt condolences to Ernie's family friends and fans. Years ago, I blindly reached out to Ernie to ask if he'd consent to be interviewed about his experience recording Paul McCartney & Wings for my Beatles radio show. He could not have been more gracious and modest, and was just a fantastic interview! We stayed in touch on Facebook over the years, and he always answered my litany of music questions about his wonderful work. It was an honor to know him - wish we'd had a chance to meet in person. Love and miss ya, Ern! Thanks for the beautiful songs you helped create!!

Andre Gardner - May 21 at 10:44 PM

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“ & Your Rockstar Family. purchased the Starbucks Coffee Condolences for the family of Ernest Lee "Ernie" Winfrey.



& Your Rockstar Family. - May 21 at 10:39 PM

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“ & Your Rockstar Family. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ernest Lee "Ernie" Winfrey.





“ One of my fondest memories of Ernie is sitting in the Soundshop control room listening to playbacks into the wee hours! Sometimes the volume was so high I felt like my whole body was reverberating . Ah the good ole days. RIP Ernie. You left us with some great sounding music.

**Nancy Poll** - May 18 at 05:43 PM



“ Ernie! You made me always sound great. Love you man. 🙏

**Jan Kurtis** - May 19 at 02:19 AM



“ I remember one night at the Sound Shop Ernie asked me to come out side with him and listen to a new track he cut with Jim Hurt singing... I t was wind beneath my wings... It was awesome and in his car and still killed me... In my humble opinion, Jim's version was the best.... Love You Ernie !!! Love d

**Steve DellaVecchia** - May 19 at 10:10 PM



“ Ernie and I go way back to when I produced Whalefeathers, Westfauster and others for NASCO at Woodland Sound in Nashville at the turn of the decade into the 70s. We were in our mid-twenties back then. I was fortunate to have worked with two great ones, Lee Hazen and Ernie Winfrey. Condolences to all.

**Stan Hertzman** - May 17 at 08:26 AM



“ Ernie and I shared many hours working in the studio with some of the most prolific artist of our time. I'm sure he will be remembered as a great engineer and person. We will miss you Ole Ern.

**Travis Turk** - May 17 at 09:33 AM



“ Ernie and I worked at Davis-Kidd for some years. He was a fine man and a joy to be around. He will be remembered fondly, and missed by many, including me.

**Jimmy** - May 17 at 01:31 PM



“ When I first came to town in the late 70's, the Sound Shop was one of the first places I went looking for work. One of the first guys I met there was Ernie. What a lucky guy I was on both counts. Great place/Good people. Ole Ern, with your oh so gentle soul, you will be missed so much by so many. RIP EW

John Grazier

**John Grazier** - May 18 at 12:04 AM



“ His sharing knowledge about all things audio will be sadly missed. I understand his legacy is engineering music production so please forgive my ‘off subject’ comment in regard to Ernie Winfrey: His complexion was flawless. His cheeks were as smooth as fine glass. Like they’d never seen the sun. To his loved ones who had, no doubt, kissed his velvety cheeks a thousand times, I feel sadness in your loss but I pray you’ll find joy recalling every kiss you placed upon his face.

**Kittra** - May 18 at 11:52 PM



“ First met Ernie back in the mid-90's at "Beatledays" in Nashville where he shared his stories, photos and tapes of the 1974 McCartney sessions in Nashville. Such a lovely guy. Was HONORED to interview him all these years later on The Beatles Channel on Sirius XM. He was, as expected, delightful. Farewell to one of the true "good guys" in the business. - Tom Frangione

**Tom Frangione** - May 21 at 09:49 PM



“ Ern was my drummer/singer in a band I had '64-'65. He obviously went on to bigger and better things! Wonderful man. What a shock.

**Dan Sherry** - May 23 at 07:40 PM