



Winifred "Winnie" Blount

April 14, 1942 - March 5, 2014

Obituary for Winifred "Winnie" Blount

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014, with her favorite rosary in her hand and her children and best friend at her bedside, Winifred "Winnie" Blount left us to be with her Lord and Savior. Two hours before she died, Winnie looked off in the distance and said: "There's my life story right there...what a good book." Truer words were never spoken, for that book describes a life that was rich with purpose and consequence and service.

Born on April 14, 1942 in Washington, D.C., to James R. Webb, Jr., and Mildred Webb, Winnie was the oldest of seven children. Her father's military career took Winnie and their growing family many places, including Texas, South Dakota, Peru, Spain, New York, and Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. Moving so often and so far at such a young age, particularly with the responsibilities expected of the oldest child, no doubt sparked in Winnie the virtues of discipline, organization, and forthrightness for which she would become well-known.

Winnie graduated from Highland High School in Albuquerque in 1959. After a year in religious life in Michigan, she returned to New Mexico and enrolled in nursing school. During her course of study, Winnie was introduced to E.J. Fouratt, Jr., a captain stationed at Sandia Base who was leaving the Army to join the New Mexico State Police. Married in 1963, Winnie and E.J. lived first

in Clines Corners and then in Santa Fe. They were soon blessed by the arrivals of E.J. Fouratt, III, and Greg Fouratt in relatively quick succession. When her husband re-joined the Army and was twice sent to Vietnam, Winnie managed to juggle her two sons, their beloved baby sister, Theresa Fouratt (Kyser), and full-time employment as a registered nurse, a challenge that no doubt required Winnie to rely heavily on the virtues of discipline, organization, and forthrightness for which she had become well-known.

Winnie and her three children eventually settled in Roswell for good in 1970. Winnie worked for thirteen years at St. Mary's Hospital, first as a recovery room nurse and then as the Assistant Director of Nurses. She then served for six years in the medical office of Ramesh Nayak, M.D. Throughout her nearly thirty-year career in direct patient care, Winnie prided herself on doing everything possible to ensure that her patients – no matter their name or background or station in life – received simply the very best care she and her employer could provide. She held herself and those around her to the highest standards and the thousands of lives she touched as a registered nurse no doubt were better for it.

In 1989, having shepherded her kids through school, Winnie moved to Albuquerque to be near her aging parents. She worked as a medical record auditor for the New Mexico Medical Review Association and as a medical paralegal in a private law office. In 1998, Winnie succumbed again to the allure of Roswell – truly her favorite city of all – and moved back. She closed her career, which spanned nearly five decades, by managing the medical records office at the New Mexico Rehabilitation Center, officially retiring in 2007.

Throughout her life, and during the suffering that preceded her death, Winnie was fortified by her devout Catholic faith. She delighted in the achievements of her children and grandchildren, especially when they arose from the virtues

of discipline, organization, and forthrightness for which she had long since become legendary. And she loved all of her family – parents, siblings, children, and grandchildren – with an intensity and passion possessed only by the most special people. Hers was a good book, indeed.

Winnie is survived by sons, E.J. Fouratt, III, and his wife, Tobie; and Greg Fouratt and his wife, Anita; daughter, Theresa Kyser and her husband, Dane; grandchildren, Cody and Eric Fouratt and Chase, Cheyenne, and Garrison Kyser; brother, James R. Webb, III, and his wife, Diana; sister, Roberta Ruth and her husband, Babe; sisters, Judy, Gretchen, and Paula Webb; numerous nieces and nephews; and her two best friends, Margo Fullinwider and Meena Nayak, M.D. Winnie was preceded in death by her parents, as well as by her brother, Gregory R. Webb, and her grandson, E.J. Fouratt, IV.

Winnie and her family extend special thanks to Jodie Rogers, Laura Riddle, and Stacy Maxwell, the extraordinary caregivers from Gentiva Hospice who truly touched our hearts.

Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, March 9, 2014, from 12:00-7:00 p.m. at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home in Roswell, to be followed by the recitation of the rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Roswell on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., with interment to follow at South Park Cemetery. All funeral arrangements are being handled by Anderson Bethany Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, Winnie's family requests that donations be made to Gentiva Hospice, 400 Penn Plaza, Suite 500, Roswell, NM 88201, specifying that the donations are "for other families in need."

Tribute Wall



“ *I cherish the memories of working with Winnie during our Nursing careers over the years. She was such a wonderful nurse and an example to all. My prayers are with you in her loss.*

Jane Batson

Jane Batson - March 10, 2014 at 10:02 AM



“ *Winnie and I had a "date" on Friday every month for 12 years(I was her buglady) we had some great adventures ;-) from hunting down a hognose snake to saving tarantulas and many conversations about our children or something that was on the news or in the paper, she was very proud of her kids and praise God they took such great care of her, we will miss her very much*

Faith Eskeli - March 10, 2014 at 08:56 AM



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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Winifred "Winnie" Blount.



March 09, 2014 at 06:13 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Winifred "Winnie" Blount.



March 08, 2014 at 08:41 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Winifred "Winnie" Blount.



March 08, 2014 at 03:42 PM



“ Dear Fouratt and Blount family. We are very saddened to hear of your loss. Please accept our condolences. Ronald O Vaughn Sr, Ronnie Vaughn Jr.



ronnie vaughn - March 08, 2014 at 01:06 AM

LS

“ Lydia Guajaca Saiz lit a candle in memory of Winifred "Winnie" Blount



Lydia Guajaca Saiz - March 07, 2014 at 04:38 PM

EH

“ My sincere sympathy to the family of Winnie. I have fond memories of Winnie when I worked in the OR at St. Mary's Hospital. My prayers and thoughts are with you and in the days ahead. Love and prayers, Eleanor Heinzman, Las Cruces, NM

Eleanor Heinzman - March 07, 2014 at 02:40 PM

JD

“ Joan Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Winifred "Winnie" Blount



Joan Dorsey - March 07, 2014 at 12:35 PM

JD

What a beautiful spirit Winnie is! I was fortunate that Winnie took me under her wing when I was just out of nursing school and working in the OR at St. Mary's in 1972/1973. I met both Winnie and Margo in the Recovery Room. I remember that horribly traumatic day that the teenager had her wisdom teeth out, what Dr. Dann and all of us thought should be a short and safe surgery. But there she was in the Recovery Room vulnerable to the anesthesia, and never to wake up. Always in control and practicing her faith, Winnie reassured me that God was there and had a bigger plan that we don't always understand. Because of Winnie's daily sharing of her genuine understanding of life and caring and our purpose as nurses, I became a better person and a better nurse. Thank you, dear Winnie, for your love and influence. I am sending my condolences to your family and so sorry for your suffering. May you rest in peace.

Joan Dorsey - March 07, 2014 at 01:34 PM

VR

“ *I worked with your Mom at NMMRA doing review. I am sorry to hear of her passing. I know she will be greatly missed and remember how much she loved and honored her family.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you
Velma Root

velma root - March 07, 2014 at 10:28 AM

TB

“ *Theresa Brewton lit a candle in memory of Winifred "Winnie" Blount*

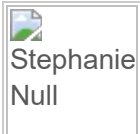


Theresa Brewton - March 07, 2014 at 04:13 AM



I went to Highland HS with Winnie. She was my best friend. I spent wonderful hours with the Webb family. I will miss her. Love to her brother, sisters, and children.
Loye McCutcheon Hardee

Loye McCutcheon Hardee - March 07, 2014 at 12:16 PM



“ *It is never easy when a loved one passes away but I truly believe that she is in a much better place All my thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of loss.*

Stephanie Null - March 06, 2014 at 07:45 PM