

The Greatest Hero

*The world has many heroes,
some you know by name.
They give their best at what they do,
so they deserve their fame.
But among all the heroes
this world has ever had,
There is not one I admire more
than the guy I call Dad.
Perhaps not like the others,
he doesn't look for praise.
He's heroic in his special way,
in his thoughtful caring ways.
Perhaps he's not as famous
as others you will see,
But he's everything and so much more
that heroes ought to be.
He keeps his word, it's good as gold,
on this you can depend,
He's honest and he's loyal too,
he's also a true friend.
When I hear about a hero,
and the great things they have done.
It reminds me of my father,
he is the greatest one.*

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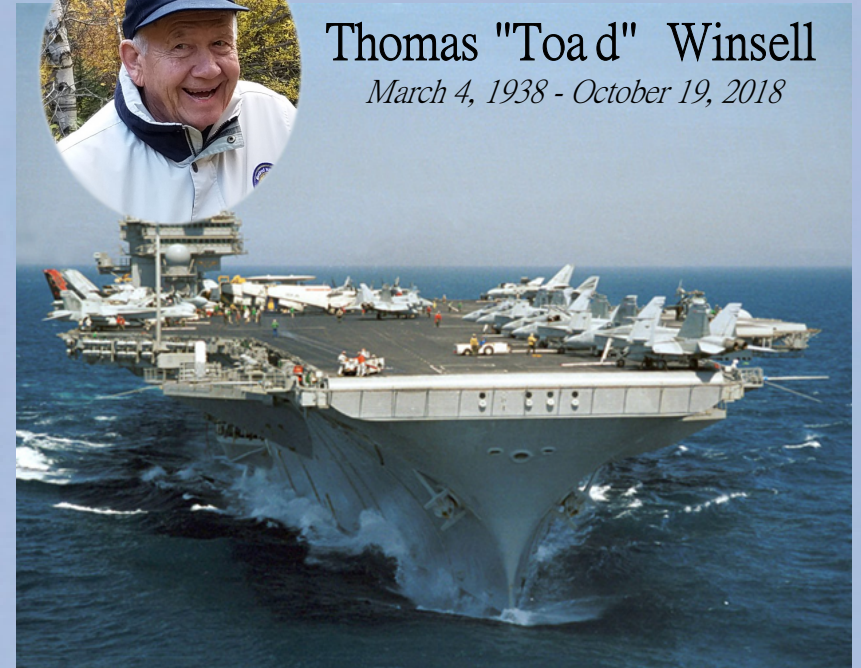
Crossing the Bar

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.*



Thomas "Toad" Winsell

March 4, 1938 - October 19, 2018



Tom Winsell was born on March 4, 1938 in Miller, SD to Leslie and May (Casey) Winsell. He attended an elementary Catholic school in Faribault, MN before moving back to Miller and graduating from Miller High School in 1956.

Toad joined the Navy after high school and served at duty stations in Texas, Japan, Alaska, Italy, Illinois, California, Midway Island and Hawaii. He also served on the USS Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam War. Many of his Navy friends referred to him as "Sput" during his time of service.

On February 16, 1962, Toad married Carol Johnson in Gettysburg, SD. They were blessed with two children, Les and Tom. Toad was very proud of being part of four consecutive generations that served in the Navy, including Toad, his father, Leslie, his son, Les, and his grandson, Michael.

After Toad's 24 years of service in the Navy, he owned and operated Toad's Tavern, now known as the Turtle Creek Saloon. He spent the following 20 years as a mail route carrier for the Orient Postal Service.

In his free time, Toad enjoyed golfing, playing pool, fishing, and hunting. He spent time playing softball on a slow pitch league and was also part of a championship trap shooting team when he lived in Italy. Toad was a member of both the VFW and the American Legion.

Toad is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol; his sons, Les (Jennifer) of Pierre, SD and Tom (Kristina) of St. Peter, MN; and his grandchildren: Dominique Winsell of Miller, SD, Michael Winsell of Virginia Beach, VA, Troy Jensen of Pierre, SD, Kristopher Jensen of Gillette, WY, Madeline Winsell of St. Peter, MN, and Maya Winsell of St. Peter MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and May Winsell; and his brothers: Danny and Michael Winsell.

Remembering

THE LIFE OF

Thomas "Toad" Winsell

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Prayer Service:

7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 25, 2018
First Presbyterian Church
Miller, South Dakota

Memorial Service :

11:00 a.m., Friday, October 26, 2018
First Presbyterian Church
Miller, South Dakota

Minister:

Rev. Brian Jones

Honorary Urnbearers:

Claire Bonebright - Jerold Zerfoss
Rodney Gortmaker - Jeff Gessner
JD Wangsness - Bob Lager - Larry Graff
All Toad's Friends and Family

Soloist:

Courtney Van Zee

Musical Selections:

"On Eagle's Wings"
"Heaven Was Needing A Hero"