

# Reflections

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"a family owned Funeral Home,  
Cremation Center and Cemetery"

"A life spent making mistakes is not  
only much more honorable but more  
useful than a life spent doing nothing.

-George Bernard Shaw

## The West Family



*In  
Loving  
Memory*

**John Morgan**

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**Isabel Stormes**

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**Richard Sterling**

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**Everett Bobish**

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**Stephen Rine**

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**Alexander Thomas**

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**Tristan Hostetter**

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### Valentine's Day Gag Gifts

"Thinking of You" toilet paper

"Things You Can Do To Make Me Happy" list

### Anti-Valentine's Day

If you hate all the hoopla surrounding Valentine's Day, you're not alone. There are now anti-Valentine's Day cards and merchandise, and you can even buy "Singles Awareness Day" t-shirts. Some cities even hold large-scale events for singles with no red, pick or chocolate allowed!

### Questions

### Circle Your Answer

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. What does the word Valentine mean?                             | 1. Heart, Sweetheart, Love |
| 2. What part of the body must Cupid's arrows hit to be effective? | 2. Head, Heart, Rearend    |
| 3. What type of bird symbolizes Valentine's Day?                  | 3. Robin, Dove, Swan       |

*Answers on the back*

### In Honor of President's Day

#### A Couple of Quotes from our President

"I don't particularly like it when people put words in my mouth, either, by the way, unless I say it." - Crawford, Texas, November 10, 2007

"My job is a decision-making job, and as a result, I make a lot of decisions." - The Decider, Lancaster, Pa., October 3, 2007

-One last point: According to Bush's website; his Number 3 priority is "Putting education first."

*Please visit [www.pontevedravalley.com](http://www.pontevedravalley.com)  
to see updated information and new photos  
of the cemetery and funeral home.*



### *New and Improved*

Ponte Vedra Valley has added lights to the Oak trees that line Old South Road in the cemetery. We hope that this will help provide light for those visiting as the sun begins to set. The added light will help with any services held at night in our funeral home, and also for parking at our Memory Tree Lighting.

## Walter Winchell

(April 7, 1897 – February 20, 1972)



Walter Winchell, an American newspaper and radio commentator, invented the gossip column. He broke the journalistic taboo against exposing the private lives of public figures, permanently altering the shape of celebrity journalism. With

his gossip, he could make or break a celebrity. Winchell was extremely popular and influential for decades shaping public opinion, notoriously aiding and ruining the careers of many entertainers. Winchell, who was Jewish, was the first commentator to attack Adolf Hitler. During World War II his political view was becoming more left-of-center and he frequently attacked politicians that he did not like by implying that they were Communist sympathizers. With his support in the 1950s of Senator Joseph McCarthy and the Senator's Red Scare tactics that had become more extreme and unbelievable, Winchell lost credibility. He often had no credible sources for his accusations written about celebrities and public figures. He had no real incentive to be accurate because his contract with his newspaper and radio employers required that they reimburse him for any damages Winchell had to pay due to his slander or libel. Whenever friends reproached him for breaking confidences, he responded, "I know that I'm just a son of a bitch." By the mid-50's, he was widely seen as arrogant, cruel and ruthless. His personal life was also filled with controversy. His life-long companion widely considered his wife but they never married, Magee, and he had three children. Their first child, a daughter named Walda was illegitimate and was the reason her parents did not marry. Her parents did not want a marriage license to reveal that. Their adopted daughter, Gloria, died of pneumonia at age nine. Walda spent time in mental institutions and Walter, Jr., the only son of the journalist, committed suicide in his family's garage on Christmas night, 1968. Winchell's final two years were spent as a recluse in a California Hotel. In 1972 when he died of prostate cancer at the age of 74, Walda was the only person to attend to his funeral.

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## Cemetery Hours

Gates Open at 8:00 am & Close at Dusk

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Other Times by Appointment

## Funeral Home Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Other Times by Appointment

*We are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please feel free to reach us by phone anytime.*

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## **Ponte Vedra Valley**

Basic Cremation Service \$995

Memorial Cremation Service \$1695

Traditional Cremation Service \$3295

*All cremations are done on-site at our funeral home. Please call our office or visit [www.pontevedravally.com](http://www.pontevedravally.com) for more information.*

## Helpful Hints

- Humor boosts the immune system.
- It pays to fight HMO's and insurers if you believe you have been unfairly denied medical coverage. Patients usually win, but be prepared to fight.
- Candy can lengthen life - when eaten in moderation.
- Brisk walking helps keep your mind sharp.

Answers to V-Day Quiz

1. Sweetheart
2. Heart
3. Dove

