Kenneth Winkinhofer, 59, of Smithville, Missouri passes Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

The highway to Heaven was crowded on January 18, 2012 when Wink made his trip. Ken was certainly a shock to lose. He was Model A strong in every way. As one of a handful of serious supporters, and as an early member of the fledgling Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club, he contributed greatly to the Model A hobby in his area. There was always something to be done with the cars and the people, and usually Wink was in the middle of it. Touring, restoring and being a historian, he did it all. His quiet but smiling face was always welcome at club events, even early in the morning for weekly Wednesday breakfast Tech Talks.

Wink, along with award winning newsletter editor wife Sherry, were truly involved in Model A events. His memorial service was overflowing with friends and family. Although an only child, you would have never had known it by the overwhelming attendance of people on the day of his service. In the huge crowd were Model A'ers, model railroaders, and Postal workers as well as numerous other friends and his extended family. The Patriot Guard stood watch and the entrance was lined beautifully with American flags, as Wink was a U.S. Army veteran. Seven Model A's were also brought out in the frigid weather to stand sentinel along with his Tudor "The Old Lady".