

LIFE

Stories

Winifred "Wini" Hull
MODEST ARTIST



BORN

JUNE 19, 1924

Since a picture is worth 1,000 words, Wini's story is an entire series of novels!

If you were looking for a reason to be positive and need a glass half full kind of perspective, then Wini Hull is the person you should speak with. She has had a very fulfilling life that has taken her all over the United States. While others disparage over having to move to new places, Wini looks at every change in life to be a new exciting experience.

Wini's story begins from very humble beginnings. She grew up with her grandparents next door on a dairy farm in a small town called Fredonia, New York. One could say that this is where Wini developed a great love for family. She is very thankful for her family, and puts nothing above

them. Her mother and father were both wonderful influences over Wini. She remembers a story that to this day makes her laugh and think fondly of her parents. When she was only five or six years old Wini recalls walking in the cow pasture and having a big bull come up behind her. This bull lifted Wini up by her pants and plopping her onto the ground. Horrified, little Wini ran crying and screaming to her mother. To her dismay, her mother did not coddle her. Instead, she acted completely calm and didn't make a big deal about it. This irritated Wini for some time, but by not overreacting her mother made it easier for Wini to get over it. Needless to



Samples of original artwork created by Wini

say, she hated that bull and avoided him from that point on.

Wini has always had a passion and love for art and people. She says after family and friends, art is her passion. One needs to only look at her work to see just how strong that passion is. After graduating from high school, Wini attended college at both the Lake Erie College for Women and Ohio Wesleyan University to study her passions in life. She majored in Art, and minored in psychology.

Her husband is also a great source of pride for Wini. Stephen Smith Hull, or simply Steve, was a 1st lieutenant navigator of a B-24 bomber in the Second World War. He had flown 31 missions over Germany, and wanted to continue his service to his country. However, when his mother was diagnosed with cancer the military sent him back home to be with her. Upon his return, Wini and Steve were married December 8th, 1944.

Steve wished for his bride to stay at home and raise the children, and so Wini left school to become a homemaker. However, when the kids were old enough she did work part-time in various jobs

including a toy store at Christmas and an art supply store.

Wini has won awards for her art, but always found the smiles and appreciation of gifts she had made to be the most meaningful commendations. To this day, Wini draws portraits for anyone who asks without charging a penny. She truly loves to just make people happy. However, nothing she has ever painted or drawn has ever come close to the pride she has in her family and children.

Presently, Wini lives here at the Camellia Place surrounded by pictures of her family and friends. She still enjoys drawing and painting, as well as reading mystery novels. However, her favorite thing to do is simply socialize and meet new people.

*I love life, and I love people. Family comes first,
but friends are so important as well.*

-Wini Hull



Quick Facts about Winnie Hull

Born:

- June 19, 1924
- Full name: Winifred “Wini” Hull
- In Fredonia, New York, a small town 43 miles SW of Buffalo
- To Mildred and Morrison Ellis
- She has one brother, Clarence Ellis
- Has many friends and family call or visit at the Camellia Place

Married:

- Stephen Smith Hull
- December 18, 1944
- Married for 55 years

Children:

- Caron Peele
- Andrew Hull

Grandchildren:

- Emily, Laura, Jeffrey, and Amy

Great Grandchildren:

- 3 with two more on the way!

Little known facts:

- Husband’s Job took the Hull family all over the United States
- Loves to speak with anyone and everyone
- An Optimistically Positive Thinker
- A great listener
- Loves to help others
- Wini loves laughing “I’ve tried tickling myself, and well that never works. However, when I think about how dumb and crazy that seems I start laughing!”



Winnie Hull



Daughter Caron,
Wini, Son Andrew



Stephen “Steve” Hull and Wini
Hull in comical shirts