



Robert "Skip" Darley

July 23, 1949 - January 1, 2025

Summerville – Robert Darley, who will always be remembered as “Skip”, joined his family and friends into eternal rest on January 1, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. To honor Skip, a service will be held at Bethany United Methodist Church of Summerville, SC on January 31 at 1:00pm, followed by a Celebration of Life service held immediately following at Miler Country Club.

Skip was born on July 23, 1949, son of Master Chief (MCPO/HMC) Bob and Jewell Arnold Darley, brother to Arnold Darley (deceased) and sister, JoAnn Whelan, of New Bern, NC.

Skip is survived by his beautiful and loving wife of 47 years, Gail Fleming Darley; his son, Russell Fleming Darley (Renee) and their two children, Julia Kathryn and Davis William of Charlotte, NC.; his daughter, Kathryn Eugenia Darley Simpson (Benjamin) and their two children, James Robert and William Arnold of James Island, SC.

Skip graduated from North Charleston HS ('67), Trident Technical College, and Southern Illinois University. He spent 30+ years at the Charleston Naval Shipyard's Quality Assurance Laboratory Division before transferring and retiring from the Navy's Laboratory Quality Assurance and Accreditation Program with a total of 42 years in civil service.

After retirement, Skip spent several years as a volunteer for Charleston Waterkeepers. He loved anything to do with water – fishing, boating and cruising, which brought him into his part-time job with the Carnival Sunshine. There he found and bonded with a new group of friends who provided him tremendous support during his illness.

Skip wanted to extend a special thanks to the MUSC BMT Doctors (Dr. Green) and PA (Ellen Baldino PAC); and the BMT Nurses (Cary, Shanna, Nancy, and Mike (the best IV man in Charleston) and others for their special and gentle, personal care.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the MUSC Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

<http://www.lls.org/donate> or call 1-888-557-7177

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethany United Methodist Church
118 W. 3rd S. Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Celebration of Life

JAN 31 (ET)

Miler Country Club
400 Country Club Blvd
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Skip" Darley.*



January 30, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *Dear Gail, Russ and Kathryn,
I will always remember Skip for his smile and good nature. My sister, Phyllis and her family, couldn't have asked for better neighbors than you. My prayers will be with y'all in the days to come.
Fondly,
Theresa Hanniford Camlin*

Theresa Hanniford Camlin - January 14, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Skip and working with him as a Shoreside Guest Services Agent for Carnival Cruise Lines over the past number of years. Skip and I immediately became friends and we always enjoyed our twice a week shifts together. During his illness we remained in contact and encouraged each other. He referred to me as "Brother", which I will forever cherish. I know Skip's legacy and memory will continue on. To you Skip, Fair Winds and Following Seas. Friend and Brother, it's been a blessing!

Bruce Koedding



Bruce Koedding - January 12, 2025 at 06:16 PM

BC

“ Skip Darley was a wonderful human being. I knew him earlier through his wife, Gail. She and I worked in public education from 1992 until I retired in 2003. Later, they became neighbors. I would catch them as they walked the neighborhood and we would chat about many things. Skip had a lifelong career in service to his country. He was so interesting to talk with. He had extensive experience and knowledge of so many subjects. His last 2 years, he fought the ravages of Leukemia bravely until it took its toll. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and especially his wonderful family. Rest in peace, brother. Your friend forever - Bob Carter

Bob Carter - January 08, 2025 at 07:57 AM

DM

“ I worked with Skip from October 1986 until I retired in January 2013. He was a great friend and coworker and will be sadly missed. He has been through a lot the past two years and may now rest in peace.

Debby May

Debby May - January 07, 2025 at 05:30 PM