



Michael Skorina

January 3, 1947 - August 30, 2018

Michael Skorina, age 71, husband of Lucille (DiYanno) Skorina, of Spring City, Pennsylvania and previously a longtime resident of Windsor, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. Born on January 3, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan, he was a son of the late Michael and Violet (Bruce) Skorina.

Michael grew up in Lincoln Park, MI, moved to Newtown, CT when he was 12, and graduated from Syracuse University in 1968 with a degree in Business. He worked for 30 years at the Community Renewal Team of Hartford, CT as an accountant and Vice President of Finance. Michael's lifelong love of golf, tennis, and swimming found expression at his many favorite, familiar courses, courts, and pools in Connecticut and Pennsylvania. He was on the golf course right up until his final weeks of life: he played his last nine holes in mid-July. He never got tired of watching golf on TV, invariably rooting for Tiger Woods; and he never missed a tennis Open Championship either. His enthusiasm for post-Thanksgiving-dinner football games was legendary among our family, and he would never turn down a summer basketball game and a chance to show off his jump shot. He was especially fond of the New England Patriots (he was not happy to see Tom Brady lose to the Eagles this year) and he was a devoted longtime fan of the Boston Red Sox. He truly loved sports — and he remembered everything. There was no sports trivia question he couldn't answer, from boxing to basketball to Olympic figure skating, 1952–present,

and he was always ready with the answer to your crossword puzzle clue. He taught all the kids in the family to play Connect Four, and he'd get way too competitive at Scrabble. He had a passion for world history, American politics, and the civil rights movement; and he adored — and sought to emulate — The King, Elvis Presley. He had a wonderful, wry sense of humor, and he always preferred to hang out with the kids rather than the adults when he could get away with it. Most of all, he was always there, and he was so much fun to argue with and to talk to.

Michael is survived by his wife Lucille; his two daughters, Diane Skorina (Marcus Hswe), and Laura Skorina; three sisters, Manya Skorina, Vivian McLean (Russell), and Avril Skorina; many nieces and nephews; and his three grandchildren, Maya, Bruce, and Evie who luckily got to spend lots of time with him when he moved from Connecticut to Pennsylvania eight years ago. He attended countless plays, swim meets, basketball games, talent shows, concerts, piano recitals and birthday parties over the years, and he always looked forward to Sunday dinners with his grandkids.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Ceremony for Michael at the Campbell- Ennis- Klotzbach Funeral Home Inc., 600 Washington Street, Royersford, PA 19468, on Saturday September 22, 2018 at 3PM. Family and friends may call from 2:00- 3:00PM at the funeral home. Contributions may be made in his memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741- 5014 or online. Condolences can be offered online at www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Royersford, Pennsylvania

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

SEP **22**. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was Michael’s roommate for two years at Syracuse University, from 9/66 until 6/68. I never called him Michael, maybe Mike on rare occasions...he was always Skorina to everyone. I recently attempted to contact him and was saddened to see he was gone. Reading his obituary, I was happy to see he lived a successful life with such love from family and friends.

Of course, I knew him when we were rambunctious 20-year-olds so my memory of him is significantly different. I was surprised to see he ended up as an accountant. He was a political science major when I knew him, well versed in world events, but willing to go out on a limb with his views; frequently defending his facts as “common knowledge,” which we began to anticipate sarcastically during discussions. Five of us lived together in an apartment that had been converted into a “suite” by the university. We all had our idiosyncrasies (bordering on madness) which proved to be very entertaining to the others. We actually recruited Skorina to join us, partially based on his collection of tall, corner lamps adorned with pocketbooks in his prior room... collected over the year on trash nights! I was particularly impressed with his “art” and we ultimately shared a room in the “suite.”

There are many stories I could tell, but they would have to be told with joy and affection in the presence of the subject. I wish I could be doing that. I will relate one however. I was visiting Skorina at his parents’ home in Newtown while on leave from the army and commented on the racist statue perched on their neighbors’ lawn... the classic blackface stable boy holding a lantern. I said, “That’s bull. We should paint his face white!” Mike said, ‘OK. I’ll get the paint.” I painted the face. Skorina laughed through the entire proceedings.

I wish we could have gotten together again to relive those mad days. To all his family I’d like to say he was a special friend to me and I’m so sorry for your loss, belated as my condolences may be.

Jim Mason - June 24, 2024 at 11:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Skorina.*



September 20, 2018 at 03:53 PM



“ *Football season has begun. I have so many great memories of watching football with Mike and Lucille. Mike always had an interesting bit of trivial information about someone that was playing. We often exchanged jabs. He loved his Patriots and I am a Steelers fan. I will miss our heated conversations. Thank you for the memories Mike.*

Mary Ann - September 17, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ *It was a true honor and pleasure to meet Michael. I may have only known him for a few days as he took his final Journey with his family however it was a true honor and pleasure to meet him and hear such wonderful stories about his life. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you grieve for your loss and celebrate Michael's life. With much love,
Tina Hess (Compassus Hospice)*

Tina Hess - September 17, 2018 at 12:32 PM

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“ *To Lucille and family - I was so sad to read of Michael's death in the Hartford Courant this past week. I have thought of you often, Lucille, after you left Windsor and wondered how you all were. It is good you are among family now, which hopefully will help keep your memories of Michael fresh and help you through this difficult time.*

Ruth Budlong

Ruth Budlong - September 09, 2018 at 07:55 PM

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“ *Irena lit a candle in memory of Michael Skorina*



Irena - September 09, 2018 at 01:16 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Michael Skorina.*



September 04, 2018 at 01:59 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Marcus Hswe - September 04, 2018 at 08:47 AM