



Benjamin M. "Skip" Witmer

September 12, 2018

Benjamin M. "Skip" Witmer, Jr., 83, of Lititz, passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at Landis Homes Community. Born in Lancaster, PA to the late Benjamin M., Sr. and Elizabeth Herr Witmer and was married to Dorothy Gardner Witmer in 1958.

He was raised in Harrisburg and graduated from John Harris High School and Penn State University where he was a proud member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

Skip knew from a young age he wanted to fly and was Air Force ROTC and joined the Air Force Pilot Training Program upon graduation from PSU in 1956. Flew F-102 Fighter Jets with the Air Force. He also served in the US Marine Corps, US Navy and Air National Guard for a total of 60 years and was private pilot until the end.

He worked as a Sales Representative and Board Member for the Serta Mattress Company for 28 years. His memberships included: Sons of the Revolution, Lions Club, Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster Aero Club and Parrotheads in Amish Paradise.

An avid skier and lifetime member of the National Ski Patrol, he skied all over the world.

Skip is survived by his wife, Dorothy, sons: Steven, Scott and Josh. His daughter-in-law, Mindy Witmer and his grandchildren: Phoebe, Emma and Connor.

Relatives and friends to a Graveside Service at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA, on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. with The Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
Anville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall



“ Benjamin M. "Skip" Witmer

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Dear Dottie, Steve, Scott, and Josh, So sorry to hear of Skips passing. Hope he wasn't sick and in pain for very long, and hoping you all are well. I have many nice memories of the days that our families spent together at our lake or your house in Clarks Summit, and with Skip at Elk Mt.It's hard to believe how long ago that was. MY deepest sympathy to you all and best wishes for happiness and good health in the days ahead. Marilyn Griffiths (you can contact me at msgtjp@gmail.com)

Marilyn Griffiths - September 18, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ Mrs Witmer, Scott, Steve, Josh and Mindy, My deepest sympathy to your family at this time of morning. I was so saddened to here of the passing of "skip". I often think back of the times good times at Saddle Lake. Love and prayers
Jim Ganz

Jim Ganz - September 17, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ dottie....was so sorry to read of your loss. my deepest symphony to you and family. a voice from way back.
dusty fehl

jake. fehl - September 17, 2018 at 02:45 PM

JS

“ As a member of the Elk Mt. Ski Patrol. I was honored to have been of part of the same weekly Wed. night crew with Skip. I loved listening to Skips story's and knowledge of flying. He was a kind and gentle giant of a man. It was a privilege to have known him.

God Bless You Skip

Joseph Mazzoni Sr. - September 16, 2018 at 02:16 PM

JP

“ Dottie and Family, Alan and I were shocked to read of Skip's passing. We figured he was improving and feel so very sad for all of you. We enjoyed Skip's quiet and dry sense of humor and will miss you both at the PSSR events. Jackie and Alan

Jackie Johns and Alan Peterson - September 16, 2018 at 12:26 PM

TK

“ So many good memories from the Elk Mountain Ski Patrol. We will really miss him!

Tim Kelly

Tim Kelly - September 15, 2018 at 08:01 PM