



## Charles Allen "Skip" Bender

February 17, 2018

Charles Allen "Skip" Bender of Lancaster passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Mennonite Home. He was the husband of Julie Frances (Stauffer) Bender, together they celebrated 59 years of marriage.

Skip was born in Terre Hill on August 1, 1937, a son of the late Charles A. and Josephine I. (Weaver) Bender. He graduated from Terre Hill High School and the Stonier Graduate of Banking, Rutgers University. He also attended Penn State University.

He was employed by many local banks over 40 years retiring from the former National Penn Bank in 2003. Skip was a member of the Lamberton Lodge 476, Lancaster Lions Club, Kiwanis Club of New Holland, Lancaster Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry and former member of Meadia Heights Golf Club and Hamilton Club of Lancaster. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mary E. "Betsy" Bender, Ft. Myers, FL, sisters; Elizabeth Ann Martin, Mary Jane wife of C. Blaine Starr and Julia J., wife of Donald L. Welsh.

Skip was preceded in death by his brother, David R. Bender.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Life Ceremony on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA at 11:00 a.m. The family will greet friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in his memory to Mennonite

Home, Benevolent Fund, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 or  
Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA  
17603.

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Allen "Skip" Bender*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - February 22, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ *Charles Allen "Skip" Bender*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *"We had it all" . . . Skip, back then . . . '62 . . . Prince & James . . . Charlie Rutter, Pete Geist, Gary Peters, Glenn Snavelly, Don Derstler . . . "just like Bogey & Bacall", living our lives in the Key Bank! Be safe until we can ALL gather for a reunion.  
Chauncey*

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**Donald Jones** - February 24, 2018 at 11:41 AM

Todd  
Parker

“ I’ve known Mr. “Skip” Bender all my life – as Betsy & I were raised together, Julie being my Mother’s 1st and dearest friend once settling in Lancaster. I will always remember Mr. Bender as a very kind and thoughtful man. Whenever I would see him, he had a “contagious” smile that couldn’t help but bring your spirits up and smile as well. He was always happy to see you, interested in your life, and loved his sports...; so you could say that I loved being around him – even as a young boy. I will miss his presence dearly, pray for Julie & Betsy’s love and transition during the days that come. I take solace in knowing that he is at Peace now, and no longer suffers any pain or discomfort. All My Love to the Benders, you’ll always have a special place in my heart.



*Love Always, Todd Parker, Sr., Son of Carl & Joyce Parker*

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**Todd Parker** - February 24, 2018 at 08:38 AM

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“ One of my favorite guys, will always remember our walk through the gardens!  
Love you always, "little Helen"



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**Helen Hazelton** - February 23, 2018 at 11:42 PM

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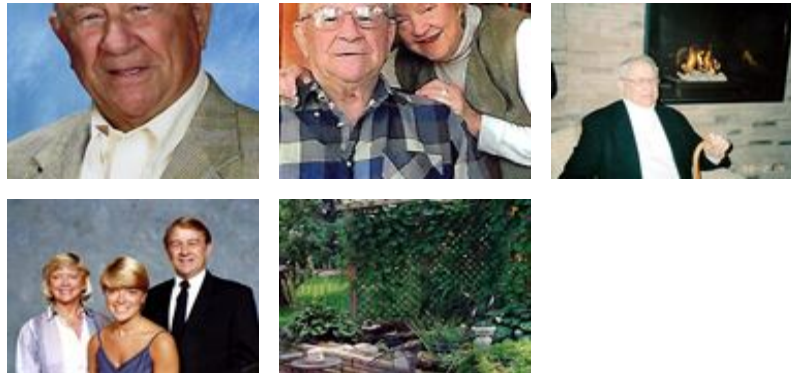
“ Dear Julie & family,  
Ray & I want to send our thoughts & prayers your way! I always looked forward to those Bender reunions in the past. The Bender family has always meant a lot to me.  
We can all remember lots of laughs from Skip, his sisters & parents! May you all feel a deep closeness from our Lord & Saviour through this season in your lives.  
Blessings & Love,  
Ray & Cheryl (Good) Cross

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**Cheryl & Ray Cross** - February 22, 2018 at 08:02 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - February 22, 2018 at 01:53 PM

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“ The Jay & Margge Adler Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Charles Allen "Skip" Bender.



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**The Jay & Margge Adler Family** - February 22, 2018 at 10:30 AM

AA

“ *Julie and Betsy,*

*To say I was shocked to see Charlie's passing in the paper would be an understatement. He was one of the best, if not the best, bosses I worked for! I thoroughly enjoyed working with him at New Holland Farmers National Bank and then Elverson National Bank. We really had some great times while working together and I will always remember his zest for life and his kindness among many other great attributes. I remember when I was pregnant with Alysha, he insisted on putting a couch in the break room so I would have somewhere comfortable to relax during the day. He was a great man all around and will surely be missed by many! My deepest condolences to you two and the entire Bender family.*

*Audrey Andrews*

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**Audrey Andrews** - February 20, 2018 at 10:50 AM

EF

“ *We met Skip and Julie Bender through their neighbors. We continued to meet them at various functions. Fortunately we became part of a group that traveled to Europe numerous times enjoying many fun times with a wonderful group of friends. We spent several winter in Venice, FL with a group of friends from Lancaster.*

*In conversation, Skip and I found we had played American Legion baseball against each other back in the 50's . We will miss our friendship and your wit. The last couple of years have not been easy, RIP our friend.*

*Mary and Cy Ffritz*

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**Eugene Fritz** - February 20, 2018 at 10:38 AM

BC

“ Dear Julie and Betsy. We were so sorry to see of Skip"s passing in the paper. May we extend our sincere sympathy to you at this sorrowful time. There are many years of happy and fun times spent together, banking functions, Meadia Heights, the shore. You two were such a special couple, and Betsy will always be Daddy"s little girl. May God grant you and Betsy comfort and peace . Bev Celia & Ron Neuer

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**Bev Celia** - February 20, 2018 at 10:09 AM

BB

“ Skip and I were friends in Terre Hill before we moved to Millersville. Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Bill Brackbill

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**Bill Brackbill** - February 20, 2018 at 09:18 AM

MS

“ Dear Julie and Betsy,  
I wish to extend my warmest and deepest sympathies to you. I was so sorry to read about Charlie's passing. Miss seeing you in church. Take care and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Marilyn Sander

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**Marilyn Sander** - February 20, 2018 at 08:56 AM

DO

“ Dear Julie and Family,  
sending prayers from our family to yours. So very sorry for your loss. Remember the good times.

*Dottie Paulson Chartreau*

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**Dottie** - February 20, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Allen "Skip" Bender.*



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February 19, 2018 at 09:49 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Julie, Betsy and family during this difficult time. I have so many memories of our time together on Veumont Drive, visits in Florida and seeing Skip when I came home to visit! Always a smile, always a hug, always laughter and always love. I will miss him dearly!*

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**Suzanne Barto** - February 19, 2018 at 06:05 PM



*My sympathy goes out to Skip's family and friends in this time of grieving the loss of a good man. My memories of the Bender reunion , softball games, and good food with Skip came to mind. Skip walked me to Terre Hill School 70+ years ago on my first day of school. My mother was having difficulty convincing a shy little boy to walk to school when Skip came walking up Main Street and she asked him if I could walk with him. Apparently he said, "yes". Mom never had a problem getting me to school after that.*

*Wilmer Z. Good*

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**Wilmer Z. Good** - February 20, 2018 at 07:53 AM



*Julia, sorry to hear about Skip. I was in his class at Terre Hill High School, class of 1955.*

*Delores Hahn (Snader, married name)*

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**Delores Snader** - February 20, 2018 at 04:52 PM