



## Harry N. "Skip" Mellinger

March 30, 2023

Harry N. "Skip" Mellinger, 75, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at UC Health Campus, Aurora, Colorado. Skip was born in Lancaster, PA and was the son of the late Carl B., Sr. and Mary Shank Mellinger, and the husband of Diana M. "Dee" Mellinger with whom he celebrated 56 years of marriage.

After graduating from J.P. McCaskey High School, he attended York College, F&M and HACC with studies in police science.

He received a purple heart for serving in the Marine Corps in Vietnam in 1968 in the Tet Offensive.

From 1969-1991, he worked for the Lancaster City Police Department as a Sergeant in the Detective Division. Later he worked for Kunzler Meat Co. as Director of Safety and Security.

He attended Church on the Ranch, Colorado Springs, CO. He was a Past President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Red Rose Lodge 16. A member of the VFW, Millersville, PA and American Legion in Colorado Springs. Skip was a PADI Rescue Diver. He was a bomb technician, having attended Red Stone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL. He and Dee enjoyed motorcycle riding and he was a member of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club.

He enjoyed shooting sporting clays, fishing, hiking, RV camping, golfing, traveling, motorcycling, boating, and scuba diving.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons: Richard Andrew (Beth) Mellinger, Centreville, MD, and Sean Michael (Adriene) Mellinger, Mount Joy, PA, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by Carl "Butch" Mellinger who was killed in 1968 in Vietnam.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Skip's Funeral Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with William "Bill" Dangro officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be in Conestoga Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to; Life Network, 3700 Galley Road Colorado Springs, CO 80909 or Alzheimer Association, Attn: Donor Services, 225 North Michigan Ave, 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601 (Some local Alzheimer offices don't have mail service or they can't process donation checks and will forward to this office)

# Cemetery Details

## Conestoga Memorial Park

95 2nd Lock Rd  
Lancaster, PA 17603

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Harry N. "Skip" Mellinger*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *It was so good to see those who were able to attend his service. You all are so precious. Many memories of times past. Thank you. Dee*

Dee - April 13, 2023 at 10:20 PM



“ *Skip was an incredible friend. A mentor, a best friend. Showed me how to create pens. (after talking me into buying his lathe lol.) Watching football. And he lost a bet and had to wear my Bronco jersey. And the day of his baptism. He told me he was moved cause I did it. The days on the ranch... I could go on and on, I really loved that man. Best 10 years of my life. I will always miss you. RIP..*

Dave Sorman - April 09, 2023 at 07:01 PM



*David, you and Skip will reunite in Heaven...*

Becky Farmer - April 09, 2023 at 07:03 PM



*Love you both. 😍*

Dee - April 13, 2023 at 10:18 PM

BG

“ *Dee my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please know that my heart goes out to you. I will always have fond memories of Skip he will be missed dearly. Love. Bessie Greenawalt*



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**Bessie M Greenawalt** - April 08, 2023 at 01:20 PM

BF

“ *Byerly and Riese Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harry N. "Skip" Mellinger.*



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**Byerly and Riese Families** - April 06, 2023 at 09:38 AM

SL

“ *My deepest condolences on your loss. He was a wonderful man and I am glad we got to meet him at the Lajes reunion. We are losing so many beloved people.*

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**suzanne Lay** - April 05, 2023 at 10:54 AM

DS

“ *Our deepest condolences. With love, the other Dee and Skip.*

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**Dee Sloan** - April 05, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Skip was my Sgt. for a few years. A real cops cop. Wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty and never missed an opportunity to teach a rookie the real way to do the job.  
RIP, Skip.....

*Mark Worthing*

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**John Tuttle** - April 04, 2023 at 06:33 PM

RS

“ Skip was my Best Friend in Colorado Springs for more than 10 years. Although he was a former Marine, and I Army, I never held that against him. I loved him, but never showed him often enough. I hope that in his heart of hearts, he felt it. It's not easy or common for Warriors to say "I Love You" to one another. Skip, I miss you. Brother; I'll see you again beyond the sunset. (Who knows? Maybe we can go fishing again and you can help me drag the anchor all over the lake...again!) - Russ Sanderson

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**RUSSELL SANDERSON** - April 03, 2023 at 05:10 AM

IR

“ Skip and Dee were so kind to me when I was a crazy teenager living at a foster home in Lancaster in the late 70"s. I was always crying about something and he was always there to listen to me. May our Lord, who knows your sorrow, bring you peace.

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**Irene** - April 02, 2023 at 11:45 AM

KB

“ *Dee and Family:  
We went to Mt Calvary Church together. I worked alongside Skip on many calls since I was a firefighter in the City. He was always very friendly and good to work with. I give you all my sympathies and hope your memories will help you at this time.*

*Ken Barton*

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**Ken Barton** - April 02, 2023 at 10:49 AM

TM

“ *Skip was one of my Sergeants when we both worked for the Lancaster Bureau of Police. Great person to work for who led by example. R.I.P. Ted Makauskas*

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**Theodore Makauskas** - April 02, 2023 at 05:21 AM

BE

“ *Dee & Family - we enjoyed our campouts with you two. Ken remembers ignoring you at Aspen Acres as you sat on the porch and we didn't know you had joined the Ute Crickets! So glad you did and that we got to know Skip. May he rest in peace. Love from all the Ute Crickets! Bev & Ken*

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**Beverly A. Essex** - April 01, 2023 at 11:54 AM

KG

“ There are many prayers for this family as Skip was one of a kind! But not only prayers for this family, but a prayer for every family to have a Skip like him in theirs! We all loved our cousin Skip, as he loved hard on everyone he knew! His hugs were like a giant bear wrapping you in comfort! His laugh was just the laugh you needed when he greeted you! His smile, you would find joy and the twinkle in his eye, you would see and feel such love! LOVE - JOY - COMFORT - it's most definitely what we think of when we think of Skip! Ohhhhh and stories! If you never heard a Skip story or a Skip joke, you didn't know him quite as well as the rest of us! Ohhhh and.... You had to have seen Dee's eyeroll during one of said stories or jokes!!!  
Love you Skipper! Sure gonna miss not being able to hug you the way our special cousin hug just fit! (You know the one!!!!)  
And Dee, Rick, Sean, your spouses and Skips beloved grands who he cherished ---all my love as you endure this next chapter without your Love, Dad and Pop! May he rest in peace as he now shares more stories and jokes with all of our family at their big grown up table - in heaven!!! Have fun Skipper!! Love Kasey

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**Kasey Gordon** - April 01, 2023 at 08:56 AM

KS

“ MY CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY OF A BROTHER MARINE.MAY HE REST IN PEACE GUARDING THE GATES OF HEAVEN SCP. KARL F. SCHUBERT 62-68

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**KARL F. SCHUBERT** - April 01, 2023 at 08:45 AM