



Gerard N. "Skip" Hankes

February 15, 1948 - March 26, 2014

Gerard "Skip" Norman Hankes, 66, of Sugar Grove passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. His devoted wife of 44 years, Alice (Neitzel) Hankes, was at his side.

Skip was a life-long resident of the area and well-known in the community for managing Hankes' Painting & Decorating, a union painting company started by his father, Norman Hankes. He also served as the first Executive Director of NiPDi and FCAI (both union painting and drywall contractors' associations) before retiring in 2006.

Skip was born February 15, 1948, in Aurora, IL to Norman and Shirlie (Lowe) Hankes. He attended St. Mary's Grammar School and was part of the first graduating class of Roncalli Catholic High School in 1966. Upon receiving his degree in business from Quincy College in 1970, he served as a decorated drill sergeant in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves.

When not with his family or working, through the years Skip enjoyed playing golf, volleyball, softball, tennis, and spending time with many long-time friends.

Skip was extremely proud of his three daughters, their husbands, and his seven talented grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Alice and three

daughters Melissa (Brent) Horlock of Batavia, IL; Melinda (Wes) Johnson of Normal, IL; Amanda (Kevin) Johnson of Celebration, FL; and his seven grandchildren: Andrew Horlock, Ryan Horlock, Liliana Johnson, Wesley Johnson, Alina Johnson, Gunnar Johnson, and Genevieve Johnson. He is also survived by his mother Shirlie (Lowe) Hankes of Aurora and two sisters, Sherry (Bill) Dahl and June Wilkinson, both of North Aurora, as well as numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Skip was preceded in death by his father, Norman Hankes; infant twin sisters, Cassandra and Christina Hankes; his father-in-law, Albert Neitzel, Sr.; and his mother-in-law, Mary Neitzel.

Skip will be deeply missed by all who knew him, his generous heart, sense of humor, and giving spirit. He leaves behind many family and friends who will cherish his memory and appreciate the opportunity to have known him.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY was held Monday, March 31, 2014, at 10:30am to Holy Angels Church at 11:00am. Fr. Michael Lavan officiated. Visitation was held Sunday, March 30, 2014, from 3:00pm until 7:00pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500.

Inurnment was held Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 10:30am at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Deacon Tom Hawksworth officiated the service.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Graveside Service

APR 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerard N. "Skip" Hankes



Daleiden Mortuary - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Alice

I was checking the web and saw Skip's obituary. I am so sorry. I can't believe it. I always enjoyed my Quincy time with Skip and sometime it still feels like it was just last week we were there. I know he will be missed.

Gary Gunther

Gary Gunther - May 28, 2014 at 11:04 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss, Alice, Melissa, Melinda, Amanda, Shirlie. After working side by side with Skip for about three years at the NiPDi/FCAI Office, I fondly remember his friendship, generosity, sense of humor, and positive attitude. I appreciated his love and dedication to his family. I could tell many stories, of which there is not room here, but what I know is that he was fair and generous with everyone, friends with anyone, and very well liked by his associates and peers. He had the gift of being able to strike up a conversation with anyone who came through the door. Without his dedication to NiPDi and the painting industry, I doubt if NiPDi would be the organization it is now. As one member of the NiPDi/FCAI family, I think I could safely say for all, that Skip will be missed, but his legacy will live on. My Condolences, Wayne Wickboldt (NiPDi/FCAI Administrative Consultant)

Wayne Wickboldt - March 30, 2014 at 09:36 PM

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“ Randy & Mary Gibson (Nedrow Decorating, Inc.) purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Gerard N. "Skip" Hankes.



Randy & Mary Gibson (Nedrow Decorating, Inc.) - March 29, 2014 at 03:38 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gerard N. "Skip" Hankes.



March 29, 2014 at 10:44 AM

CT

“ June, so sorry for your loss and my sympathies go out to your mom and Skip's family.

Cindy Tiegelmann
Sandwich, IL.

Cindy Tiegelmann - March 29, 2014 at 05:45 AM

JW

“ Janice Brewbaker Wright and Jeff Wright purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Gerard N. "Skip" Hankes.



Janice Brewbaker Wright and Jeff Wright - March 28, 2014 at 11:26 PM

Kevin Johnson

“ 56 files added to the album Skip



Kevin Johnson - March 28, 2014 at 10:31 PM