



Mr. George Gregory Skinner

May 18, 1948 - April 6, 2021

George Skinner died peacefully in his home in the early morning hours April 6, 2021. He had family and friends around him letting him know how much he was loved and will be missed.

George was born in Fairmont, West Virginia to Jack Louis and Nancy Welch Skinner. George moved from West Virginia to Fort Lauderdale with his family in the early sixties. He graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School and then moved to Tallahassee to attend Florida State University. He made Tallahassee his home after college.

He worked for Unisys Corporation for almost 30 years as a Systems Analyst. He shared his time between Tallahassee and Boston during this extended period. His time in Boston turned him into an avid Red Sox fan.

George was married twice. He met his current wife, Tricia, on a blind date playing bridge. They married in 1995 and would be celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary in three weeks. He had two sons from a previous marriage, Christopher Stevens Skinner and Gregory Joseph Skinner. George and Tricia enjoyed time spent with four amazing grandchildren who all lived in Tallahassee.

George's hobbies included genealogy. He did much of his work in this field for

his own family tracing ties to the Revolutionary War. But he helped friends learn of their past also and made a lot of people happy to know where they had come from even if a few scoundrels emerged along the way.

Another one of his past times was catching up with old fraternity brothers he met while attending Florida State University. George was president of the Phi Psi fraternity during his junior year at FSU. They were a great group of men who could laugh for hours telling the same stories each time they would get together. George and this group had an incredibly strong bond.

George was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and twin sisters. He is survived by his brother, Tom, who now lives in Holyoke, Massachusetts; and a sister, Debbie, living in West Palm Beach Florida. He has numerous nieces and nephews. There are two very close first cousins living in Georgia and West Virginia and their mother that George stayed closely in touch with throughout the years.

He will be missed by many and a celebration of his life is planned for some time in the fall. No particulars are available yet. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Tricia, Don and I were so sorry to hear about George's passing. Although we've only seen you occasionally through the years, we have such good memories of our get togethers on Saturday mornings years back. We will keep you in our prayers. Love, Don and Shari McClelland*

Shari McClelland - April 26, 2021 at 06:37 PM

BH

“ *Dear Tricia , Bill and I were both saddened to learn of George's recent death . Please know that we are keeping you and your family and grandchildren in our prayers at this difficult time . We miss seeing you , and still think of you often . We send our love to you .*
Bill and Bobbie Herndon

Bobbie Herndon - April 15, 2021 at 05:07 PM

MC

“ *George was my good friend and brother at Florida Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi. I was initiated as a brother in the fall of 1966 and George pledged that same time. We spent a lot of time together living in the annex to the frat house and drank many cups of coffee at the Red Garter while we solved the world's problems. I have very good memories of my time together with George and I will never forget.*

Michael A. Croak

Michael A Croak - April 09, 2021 at 02:34 PM

MR

“ Having known and loved George for 50 years, this is devastating news to hear. While we did not get to see George and Tricia very often because we live in Jacksonville, we always very much looked forward to spending time with them when we visited Tallahassee. While we will miss him terribly, we still look forward to spending time with Tricia, his wonderful wife. We so enjoyed his awesome sense of humor, his quirky view on personalities and things happening in the world and his being present with anyone he was with. Hasta luego, Georgie. While you will enjoy wherever you are, we will miss you terribly.

Madelyn Rubin - April 08, 2021 at 11:49 PM

DH

I was shocked and saddened to get the news about George...we go back to the Fraternity days of the mid and late 60's...it was my honor to serve with George, Abdul, and Phil to help "pull off" the first Psi reunion (although he and Tricia did the other on their own)...it was always good to get with George and his family to watch FSU football, welcome visiting Frat brothers, or just "catching up"...he was a warm and generous man whose great connections were to FSU sports, his family, and his friends...I last spoke to him just prior to the 2020 FSU football season and we were equally "concerned" about the upcoming possibilities..he never lost his optimism for his Noles...one of the great things about "Georgie" was his ability to listen to all sides of an issue and then approach the solution with an almost "zen-like" quality...a rare gift for anyone to have (especially in these days)...as I went thru my photo album from those days I was reminded of all the good times we had and shared...I will miss you, George, but I know that you know that...

Don Howarth- May 10, 2021

Don Howarth - April 10, 2021 at 09:12 AM

LW

Dear Tricia and family, I am saddened by the news of my cousin George passing. We always lived a great distance apart as adults and I always looked forward to seeing you two at the Fort Lauderdale high school class reunions. I have many fond memories of George when we were children. I do miss and remember fondly the family getting together on holidays even though it was so long ago. He was always so smart so funny and I know he loved his family dearly, and that all the grandchildren held a special place in his heart. Tricia may Heavenly Father send you and the family the Comforter to give you peace of heart.

I believe in eternal families so George, I'll see you on the other side. May God bless and keep you all.

Linda S Wiseman

Linda Wiseman - April 24, 2021 at 05:19 PM