



Charles Robert Skinner

November 28, 1943 - February 9, 2025

Charles Robert Skinner, 81, of Gainesville, VA passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Known as Chuck, Chuckie or Chuckles, he was a devoted husband, beloved father, Pee-Pa, brother, uncle, and friend. Chuck is survived by his wife, Nancy Skinner; his children, Amanda Skinner Gilligan and Brian Skinner; his grandchildren Alexa and Zachary Gilligan; son-in-law Walter Gilligan; daughter-in-law Megan Holak Skinner; his brother Bob Skinner and his wife Sandy Skinner as well as their four children, spouses and grandchildren.

Chuck was born in Dayton, OH, the first son of Robert and Winifred Skinner. Growing up with his brother Bob, Chuck loved animals, nature and playing football. He graduated from Miami University in 1966 (as he jokes summa cum laude) with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Shortly after graduating, he moved to California where he worked at Douglas Aircraft until he was drafted into the military in 1968. His love of boats drew him first to the Navy office to register but there was an “out to lunch” sign – so he chose to join the Air Force instead. And the rest is history. He proudly served his country in the Vietnam War, coming back to the United States in 1969 where he was stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB) in Panama City, FL. It was here that Chuck met the love of his life, Nancy McCall. Their romance was truly like a movie and he would joke that it mimicked “An Officer and a Gentleman.” He was the Air Force officer and Nancy the papermill worker. They married in

1971 and 2 years later had their first child Amanda Kay. With a two-month-old infant, the Air Force took them to Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, AK where two years later their second child was born, Brian Matthew. Their Air Force journey led them to the following AFBs: Peterson in Colorado Springs, CO, Almaden in San Jose CA, Keesler in Biloxi, MS, Osan south of Seoul Korea, Hickam in Oahu, HI and lastly, in 1985, to the Pentagon in Arlington, VA. He retired shortly thereafter in 1988. Chuck had a handful of roles in Military Defense contracting companies and concluded his professional career at Northrop Grumman as Director of Business Development, retiring in 2012. He was finally able to enjoy being a grandfather, golfing with his buddies, playing bridge with great family friends and travelling with his best friend Nancy.

In 2014 his beautiful wife Nancy was diagnosed with dementia. Devotedly honoring his commitment to marriage through good times and bad, and his vow to love and cherish each other “in sickness and in health,” he took on the role of being her primary caretaker. From the start of their marriage they had a quote they lived by “I do my thing, and you do your thing, I am not in this world to live up to your expectations, and you are not in this world to live up to mine, you are you, and I am I, and if by chance we find each other, it’s beautiful – by Frederick E. Perl”. He never complained, asked for help nor thought of it as anything other than what he promised her on their wedding day. He died with the peace knowing that he did everything within his power to keep her safe, well taken care of and healthy. Weeks before he passed, he shared something that was very dear to his heart - he had read the Bible in its entirety by the end of 2024. God was ready to bring him home and he is not away from us but just ahead of us.

Chuck had two favorite sayings that he lived by:

1. “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” - Philippians 4:13
2. I once cried because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet.

A Memorial Service will be held at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas VA on Friday April 4, 2025, at 11:00am with a lunch reception to follow.

A private burial with Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery will be scheduled at a later date.

Gifts in memory of Chuck Skinner and honoring his wife Nancy Skinner to support accelerating research and care in Alzheimer's may be directed to support the Alzheimer's Association, <https://act.alz.org/site/Donation>. A cause extremely near and dear to the family's hearts.

To send flowers to the family in memory of Charles Robert Skinner, please visit www.flowergallerymanassas.com

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave
Arlington, VA 22211
(877) 907-8585

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Reception

APR 4 (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Tribute Wall

MM

“ My name is Mary MacIntyre. I am an old friend of Chuck’s. We went to high school together at Fairmont high school. When Chuck went to California he visited me and my husband in Corona Del Mar. My husband worked for Douglass aircraft as did my father. I don’t know which one of them recommended Chuck, but Chuck went to work at Douglass before enlisting in the Air Force. Over the years we’ve seen each other from time to time and we kept in touch. We talked often over the years. I still have a message from him on my phone and I can’t seem to erase it. I met your mother when we had a Fairmont reunion in Florida. She was just beginning her disease. I just wanted to offer my condolences to everyone in the family. I know that none of you know me but I wanted to let the family know how sad I am for you all. Chuck was an outstanding human being and a wonderful friend.

Mary MacIntyre - September 07, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Robert Skinner.



April 01, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Robert Skinner.

April 01, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Robert Skinner.*



March 31, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Robert Skinner.

March 31, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ *Mary Lou Lukeman & Joane Henley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Robert Skinner.*



Mary Lou Lukeman & Joane Henley - March 24, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ *Barbara . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Robert Skinner.*

Barbara . - March 02, 2025 at 03:38 PM

MP

“ *Many Blessings and Love, Jacquie Perello purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Robert Skinner.*



Many Blessings and Love, Jacquie Perello - February 26, 2025 at 08:35 PM

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“ *Many Blessings and Love, Jacquie Perello planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Robert Skinner.*

Many Blessings and Love, Jacquie Perello - February 26, 2025 at 08:35 PM

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“ *I will miss him-my idle*

Bob skinner - February 26, 2025 at 05:29 PM

BS

“ *The best brother anyone could ever have. I already miss him. He was always my hero.*

Bob Skinner - February 25, 2025 at 04:50 PM

BS

I will definitely miss Chuck-my hero 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Bob Skinner - February 25, 2025 at 04:57 PM

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Thanks to all Amanda and Brian

Bob Skinner - February 25, 2025 at 05:08 PM

BE

Chuck, with his warm and thoughtful caring helped me cope with my grieving over the recent death of my husband — the two of them were very good friends and hopefully now are sharing time together and looking down on those of us left behind. Barbara Eszenyi 🙏💔

Barbara Eszenyi - March 02, 2025 at 01:11 AM

BJ

*My sympathies to the family. This is such a shock. Our high school blog will certainly miss him. He was a good friend and a kind person. 💙
God bless him.
Jill Richards Bridges*

Bridges Jill - March 05, 2025 at 06:52 PM

CM

Chuck and we're good friends at Fairmont and beyond. I was in his wedding and he was in mine. We talked monthly by phone. He will be missed by all of us. Chris McAfee

Chris McAfee - March 09, 2025 at 06:09 PM

CW

Chuck and Nancy were our next door neighbors in Heritage Hunt for all of our 25 years here. Nancy was a great cook and lovely hostess; we spent many happy hours on their beautiful porch. Chuck was a fun host and a bit of a curmudgeon, but he was our curmudgeon and we shall miss him. Carol and Gib Wood

carol wood - April 02, 2025 at 03:56 PM

JF

I have many happy memories of Chuck from Fairmont school and Fairmont Church. We are so glad we got to see him in recent years. He will be greatly missed.

Judy fisher - April 05, 2025 at 02:12 PM