



## William Skillman

March 2, 1948 - February 9, 2016

William Arthur Skillman, born March 2, 1948, age 67, a kind, giving and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, died Tuesday, February 09, 2016 at Tideland's Waccamaw Community Hospital.

Born in Alexandria, VA, he was the son of the late Arthur F. and Pauline Jones Skillman. Mr. Skillman served from 1970-1976 in the Army National Guard. He was in the floral industry in Virginia for over 50 years and was a part time florist at the White House for 2 years. He retired in 2007 and moved to Murrells Inlet to be close to his children and grandchildren. He attended St. Michael Catholic Church. Mr. Skillman had many friends and was loved by everyone.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Skillman of Murrells Inlet; a son, Todd Skillman and his wife Julie Skillman of Pawleys Island; a daughter, Melanie Skillman of Murrells Inlet; grandchildren, Grace, Emily and Luke; a sister, Valerie Sproul of GA; sisters in law, Debbie and Valerie; a brother in law, Brian; father and mother in law, Carl and Patricia Hudson of VA.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM Friday, February 12, 2016 with a prayer vigil at 5:30 PM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)  
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the family at this sad time. Bill made many friends during his journey of life and will be missed. Our families go back many years. Bill's Dad, my father-in-law and my husband were in the Alexandria Fire Dept. at the same time.*

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**Barbara Darley** - March 05, 2016 at 08:42 PM

BG

“ *Dear Carol and Family,  
We are very shocked to hear of the sorrow that has come to you. Bill was such a nice man and neighbor. He always had the best flower garden. He tried to help me with mine but it never looked like his. Thank you Bill. Carol, you and your family, are in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. With deepest sympathy....  
Barbara Carey and Sid Goodman*

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**Barbara Carey & Sid Goodman** - February 12, 2016 at 10:11 AM

PC

“ *Patti Brown Childers lit a candle in memory of William Skillman*



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**Patti Brown Childers** - February 11, 2016 at 07:46 PM

JP

“ *My condolences to all of you. I pray for God's loving arms to encompass all of you. I never met Billy, but my sister-in-law, Anne, has always had good things to say about her favorite cousin. Jean H Payne*

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**Jean H Payne** - February 11, 2016 at 07:30 PM

BC

“ *Betty Coe Cinquegrana purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of William Skillman.*



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**Betty Coe Cinquegrana** - February 11, 2016 at 06:15 PM

PF

“ *Paul and Diane Eldridge and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William Skillman.*



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**Paul and Diane Eldridge and Family** - February 11, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Skillman.*



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February 11, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Skillman.*



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February 10, 2016 at 11:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Skillman.*



February 10, 2016 at 10:56 PM



“ *KimMarie Mayes lit a candle in memory of William Skillman*



**KimMarie Mayes** - February 10, 2016 at 09:10 PM



*Prayers to you and your family. So sorry for the loss of your father.*

**KimMarie Mayes** - February 10, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you. We used to have a great time at the Redskin games years ago! Sending prayers. 🙏*



**Sandy Sloper & Family** - February 10, 2016 at 05:24 PM

MO

“ *Maureen and Dick orndorff purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William Skillman.*



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**Maureen and Dick orndorff** - February 10, 2016 at 04:59 PM

MK

“ *Carol, Todd and family, and Melanie,*

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers!*

*I have been thinking of you the past few days as we traveled to VA. We are planning to go to Quantico area this weekend. Thought of last time I spoke with Bill when he said he hadn't been back to see the shop. Planned to call with a report. Sadly putting off calling has been a mistake.*

*Have so many happy memories of times at Dumfries Flower Basket! Bill was a very special person with great love for his family, kindness for all, wonderful humor and could enjoy a good prank! His special talent with flowers - giving so many a way to express their emotions with his arrangements.*

*My heart goes out to all of you at difficult time. Bill will be remembered by many!*

*Love, Marca*

*Carol, will never forget my 1st Valentine's Day, how thankful to see you walk in to help get things organized, Melanie being there, Todd delivering flowers and after all the work seeing what a beautiful family you Skillmans were!!!!*

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**Marca Kent** - February 10, 2016 at 01:56 PM

NC

“ Carol, I was so very sorry to hear about Bill. I will always remember the beautiful basket of flowers that you brought to me in the hospital when I had my kidney surgery that Bill had arranged. I remember it had sunflowers among others. I still have the basket.  
May your family find peace and comfort in God's arms. I love you !!  
Cuz Nancy

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**Nancy Connor** - February 10, 2016 at 01:23 PM

MS

“ My deepest sympathies for your loss, my prayers are with you and your family.  
Monika Seidl

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**Monika Seidl** - February 10, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ Carol and family,

*I was greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Billy. Please know that you, Melanie and Todd are in my thoughts and prayers. RIP "Bull".*

*Larry Moffett*

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**Larry Moffett** - February 10, 2016 at 09:14 AM

KS

“ Carol and Family,

*Our many thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. I am remembering all the times on Pike Trail with Melanie and Hadley and that soccer ball from Alex going in the yard. That dogwood tree is as beautiful as ever each spring.*

*We are still using that snow blower on the old driveway and know that you are so happy you moved south to a warmer snow free area.*

*Mark and Karen Silver*

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**Karen Silver** - February 10, 2016 at 08:28 AM

SW

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Our prayers are with you and may God bless your family in this time of sadness.

*Skeet and Vicki Weidner*

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**Skeet and Vicki Weidner** - February 10, 2016 at 06:15 AM

SA

“ I remember getting to work with Bill and Carol one Valentine's day at Dumfries Flower Basket. I arrived late afternoon and they had just about sold out of all of the roses. Carol gave me a list of what was left and we waited for the commuter buses to arrive. Buses full of tired men in wrinkled suits with their ties pulled loose who would take whatever we had rather than walk into their homes empty-handed. Bill had been working since very early morning and was beat when closing time finally came. But he didn't stop working until he made an arrangement for me and brought it to our house. What a gentleman! He will certainly be missed.

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**Sharon Andrews** - February 09, 2016 at 11:34 PM

DK

“ I enjoyed working with Bill. He was a very good floral designer. My deepest sympathy to the family

Donald King - February 09, 2016 at 09:39 PM



“ Teresa Maring lit a candle in memory of William Skillman



Teresa Maring - February 09, 2016 at 08:46 PM



Deepest condolences to the Skillman family. Our prayers and thoughts are with each one of you. Teresa and Waldo Maring

Teresa Maring - February 09, 2016 at 08:48 PM

KH

“ Bill was such a kind, generous man who was always so supportive to the staff at Henderson. He was one of those parents, too, that you didn't forget because of his warm personality. My thoughts are with Melanie and the Skillman family.

Karen Harris - February 09, 2016 at 08:11 PM

VS

“ Valerie Sproul lit a candle in memory of William Skillman



Valerie Sproul - February 09, 2016 at 07:22 PM

VS

*My big brother.*

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**Valerie Sproul** - February 09, 2016 at 07:23 PM

CC

“ *I worked beside Bill in 2 different Flower Shops. He was a great designer and friend. He will be missed by all. My thoughts, prayers and love go out to the family. RIP Bill*

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**Carol Coats** - February 09, 2016 at 07:17 PM

CL

“ *Cheryl Litcher lit a candle in memory of William Skillman*



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**cheryl litcher** - February 09, 2016 at 07:08 PM

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*Love and prayers to Carol and family...he will be deeply missed*

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**cheryl litcher** - February 09, 2016 at 07:10 PM

PB

“ *Paige Barrow lit a candle in memory of William Skillman*



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**Paige Barrow** - February 09, 2016 at 06:59 PM

MM

“ Knowing Billy's sister Valerie since we were 12, I've known him a long long time! He always was such a nice guy and great big brother to Valerie! My thoughts and prayers are with Valerie, Carol, Todd, and Melanie at this difficult time! I know he was loved and will be forever missed! RIP Billy!

*Mari Jo McDonald*

Mari Jo McDonald - February 09, 2016 at 06:06 PM

ST

“ S. David Tong lit a candle in memory of William Skillman



S. David Tong - February 09, 2016 at 05:54 PM

TM

“ Tony Malanka lit a candle in memory of William Skillman



Tony Malanka - February 09, 2016 at 04:59 PM

TM

“ Tony Malanka lit a candle in memory of William Skillman



Tony Malanka - February 09, 2016 at 04:45 PM

DC

“ Growing up in Alexandria would not have been the same without Billy in my brother's David and my lives. Whenever we stayed at our grandmother's house on Sunset we knew Billy would be there to visit and join us digging holes in the backyard, eating grapes, playing school or picking flowers. As I look back on our childhood, I realize now how special Billy was in our lives and how loving he was to both of us. As we grew up, Billy still stayed a part of us. Our hearts are heavy hearing about this loss. Please know that our family sends love and sympathy to you all as you bear this tremendous loss to your family.

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**Deborah (Boo) Christie** - February 09, 2016 at 04:20 PM

DJ

“ To Carol and family, I'm so sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers will be with you.

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**Diane Jackson** - February 09, 2016 at 04:07 PM

LL

“ I can't tell you how sad I am to hear this news. I grew up with Billy in Old Town Alexandria and I cherish the fun times we had together. You have my thoughts and prayers.

*Linda Hooper Lau*

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**Linda Lau** - February 09, 2016 at 04:01 PM

DE

“ Melanie, Prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I know you will miss your father ; cherish the memories.

*Denise Parrott (co-worker)*

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**Denise** - February 09, 2016 at 03:55 PM

DM

“ *Billy was my cousin and I watched him grow into a fine man. Billy was a very sweet and kind man. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially his family. Dave Murray*

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**David Murray** - February 09, 2016 at 02:04 PM