



## Henry Earl Skinner Obituary

August 29, 1934 - January 6, 2011

Henry Earl Skinner, seventy-six, passed away January 6, 2011 at the Wilson Hospice House. Mr. Skinner was born August 29, 1934 in Savannah, Georgia to Henry and Donna Skinner, who preceded him in death. He was a resident of Sylvester for 32 years prior to moving to Albany in 1999. Mr. Skinner was educated in the schools of Live Oak, Florida and was graduated from Suwannee High School. He entered the U.S. Navy immediately following graduation and retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer after 22 years of service. Mr. Skinner also retired as a Logistics Management Supervisor from the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Georgia. He was proud to say he devoted 35 years Federal Service to his country. He is survived by his wife Sarah Phillips Skinner; a daughter, LeeAnn Cowen (Ken) of Havana, Fl.; a son, Henry "Sonny" Skinner (Algenia) of Sylvester. His grandchildren Patrick Cowen (Melinda), Katie Cowen Bankston (Sean) of Tallahassee, Fl. and Marlee Skinner of Sylvester, Ga.. One great grandchild, Clark Bankston of Tallahassee, Fl. His sisters, Bettye McIntosh (James) of Live Oak, Fl. and Virginia Miller of Tallahassee and a number of nieces and nephews. His brother-in-law, Joe Phillips (Zandra) and sisters-in-law LeNelle Morgan of Live Oak and Mary Jo Rogers Phillips of Tallahassee, Fl. He was preceded in death by his parents in laws Marvin and Lillian Phillips and Brothers in law David Morgan and J.M. (Buddy) Phillips.

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Papa, You were cast in life better than any movie could ever portray. You served your country with honor, praised God, and were happiest spending time with your family. We will miss your courage, smiles and strength. You were and always will be - 'a good man'.

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**Melinda Cowen** - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We are sorry to hear of Henry's passing and know you miss him dearly. He was such an awesome gentleman and so enjoyable to be with. We wanted to send our deepest sympathy and love to you and your family. God bless. Richard and Gail Rogers

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**Richard and Gail Rogers** - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Our prayers are with this family in their loss. May God calm your hearts during this time of grieving.

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**Caleb, Tabitha Brown** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Sonny & Gina, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. I will keep you and the rest of the family in my prayers. Much love, Dana, Audrey and Lauren.

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**Dana P Smith** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Sarah, As you know, I love you very much. God Bless, Gail

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**Gail Whitfield Patton - knoxville, TN - friend** - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ How do you say goodbye to a dear friend and shipmate we've known for 50+ years. We were blessed to have known him and cherish the wonderful memories we shared with our families. Now his memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part. GOD has him in his keeping and we have him in our hearts.

John & Betty KEMP - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Sorry I wasn't able to make it to the memorial, but you were in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Susan Spradley

Susan Spradley - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Kurt and I want to pass along our sincere condolences to the family on the passing of Mr. Skinner. We know from Patrick that he was an wonderful Grandfather and man and we know he will be very much missed. Our prayers are with you. May God's peace comfort you.

Kurt and Beth Hodges - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Our deepest condolences to Ms. LeeAnn Cowen and family on their loss. We did not have the privilege to meet Mr. Skinner, but he must be a great man to have raised a wonderful daughter like LeeAnn. With Sympathy, Prashanta & Yvonne Pradhan

Prashanta Pradhan - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of loss. We hope that this will be a time to celebrate Mr. Skinner's life.

John and Laurie O'Brien (Friends of Patrick and Me - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Mrs. Skinner and the Skinner family...Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you as you celebrate the life of Mr. Skinner. We are only a phone call and short walk away. Be blessed!

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**Matt & Kawana Hardwick** - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mr. Henry Skinner-I remember just about all our conversations. It was such a joy to argue with you --- you always would make me sweat and when you got that bill....I made you sweat!! Ms Sara, I love you very much --

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**Daphne McKenzie** - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Sarah, LeeAnn, Sonny (Patrick, Katie)Your/Our loss is Heaven's Gain! On January 6, 2011, somewhere around 2:00 p.m., Heaven's Choir began to sing - because Henry was coming home. I know without a shadow of doubt that Henry was a wonderful Christian man. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a loving son, and brother. He was also a pretty terrific "brother"-in-law, and I loved him like a brother. The memories are sweet and will last forever. [You know, I believe if God allows cooking in Heaven - Henry and Buddy are looking over Nanny's shoulder as she fries up the chicken getting ready for Sunday dinner - Wow, what a picture!] My prayer is that God will comfort each of you and give you His perfect peace - I know He can and will! I Love You, Mary Jo (aka Mary-Pearl)

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**Mary Jo Phillips** - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ Dear Patrick, we are very sorry for your loss. We pray that you and your family are comforted by our faith in Jesus Christ during these trying times. Take much care

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**Felix Jimenez and Ashley Trivett** - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Daddy I love you and will miss you so much. I am thankful the Lord gave me you as my earthly father. You were my role model and I always looked up to you. You were the best father anyone could have. Daddy you always put your family and others before your own needs. My heart is hurting but I am reminded the Lord will never put more on you than you can bear and I am trusting Him to get me through this. Patrick and Katie loved their Papa and I am thankful you were able to be part of their life and watch them grow up into adults. Love and miss you.

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**LeeAnn Skinner Cowen** - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Papa, My heart is not just broken, it is completely shattered. You were the only grandfather I ever knew, and I miss you so much! I would give anything right now to grab my golf clubs to go play a round of golf with you, and come home to find something to tease Granny about (you know she secretly loved it). The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." While I'm not feeling very thankful right now, I do thank God for all the memories we created together. You always made your grandchildren feel like we were the only people on the face of the Earth. I will always remember our trip to Washington, how you used to tease Granny about watching the ice maker, playing in the pool, our trips to the mountains, and Christmas mornings. You are the most consummate grandfather anyone could ever have, and I'm sure if I googled grandfather, your picture would come up. (Sorry, Clark, but Poohpa is a close second). I know you have defeated Alzheimer's because no sickness, evil, or sadness can ever enter Heaven. I can't wait to see you again when I get there. I am so proud of you for your military service, and I thank you for the sacrifices you made to do so. Our country salutes you. Anchors Away! Love your Number One Grandson

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Patrick Cowen - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sarah...i JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW I SAW THE NOTICE. I HAVE LOST 4 RELATIVES AND FRIENDS SINCE CHRISTMAS. I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOURS. WHEN ALL THE MAD RUSH IS OVER, CALL ME AND WE WILL SIT ON THE DIVAN AND TALK ABOUT HOW BEAUTIFUL HEAVEN MUST BE AND HOW OUR LOVED ONES WOULDN'T TRADE PLACES AGAIN.

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sandra heffernan - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM