



Mr. Benjamin Franklin Skelton Jr

October 24, 1939 - May 11, 2014

Mr. Benjamin Franklin Skelton, Jr. known as Frank to many friends, colleagues and family, passed away on May 11, 2014, surrounded by his loving family, following a long illness.

Frank, the eldest son of Benjamin F. Skelton, Sr. and Mary Frances Gambrell Skelton, was born in Greenville, SC on October 24, 1939. He was a retired General Manager with Cone Mills where he was employed for over 40 years. He started out as a general laborer and steadily advanced in the company through challenging supervisory and management positions. Prior to his retirement, he managed the Cone Mills plant in Salisbury, NC for 12 years. Mr. Skelton was a veteran of the United States Army and the South Carolina Army National Guard. He proudly served on active duty during the Berlin Crisis of 1961. Mr. Skelton was also a Master Mason and member of Sam Poe Lodge #284.

Frank was predeceased by his parents and his brother, James R. Skelton.

He is survived by his wife of almost 55 years, Shelby Jean Sloan Skelton; their sons, Tony L. Skelton of the home; David F. Skelton and wife Lenore of Greenville, SC; daughters, Tammy Skelton Harrington and her husband Andrew of Simpsonville, SC; and Aimee Skelton Rabon and her husband Shane of Salisbury, NC. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Elizabeth Ramsey and grandson, Triston Rabon and great-grandson, Ethan Ramsey and great-granddaughter, Carly Ramsey. Frank is also survived by his brother, Colonel John D. Skelton, US Army Retired and his wife, Nancy of Lansing, KS; niece, Catherine E. Skelton of Overland Park, KS; nephews, Master Sergeant Robert D. Skelton, US Army Retired of San Antonio, TX.

The family will receive friends from 10-11 AM Wednesday (May 14) at Salem Lutheran Church. The funeral service will follow at 11 AM at Salem Lutheran Church, conducted by Rev. Doug Hefner. Burial will occur at 3:30 PM Wednesday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville, SC

Memorials may be made to Rowan Hospice & Palliative Care, 720 Grove St, Salisbury,

NC 28144 or to a “No kill” animal shelter of their choice.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Skelton family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

Greenville, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Salem Lutheran Church
Sherrills Ford Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28147

Service

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ I just happened across Frank's obituary. I am saddened, I always enjoyed spending time with him when we were at Cone Mills together. May God bless the memory of Frank Skelton.

Paul Simpson - April 30, 2019 at 04:37 PM

CI

“ Words cannot even begin to express my sorrow, but please remember you are not alone, I am just a call away. I will always cherish those special family memories.

Cindy

Cindy - May 17, 2014 at 06:23 AM

RM

“ I remember Frank and my dad, Joe Miller, having great times together during their Cone Mills days. They stayed in touch through the years and I know his friendship meant a great deal to daddy. Rest in peace!

Robyn Miller - May 14, 2014 at 11:20 AM

BB

“ We'll all have good memories of my cousin, Frankie. I am so thankful to have been with him a few weeks ago. It was a good day. Our sympathy for all his loving family.

Beverly and Sidney Baxley - May 13, 2014 at 09:58 PM

JD

“ Frank will forever be in our families memory. To this day my kids still remember his story to them that he was the real Batman! Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Much love your neighbors

The DelPiano's

Jim & Eileen DelPiano - May 13, 2014 at 10:45 AM

MH

“ Shelby, I am so sorry to read of the loss of your husband. Please accept my deepest condolences. Cherish your many fond memories of Frank. May the God of all comfort soothe your heart at this time of grief.

Minnie Hemphill - May 13, 2014 at 09:30 AM

SM

“ Dear Jean, Tammy, Amy, David, and Tony,
Oh my, the many memories! Of the childrens growing up years next door to our children. All now in their years of the ages we were then. Frank! He was a smart man. I had the privilege to talk to Frank for about an hour back in the winter. What a ray of sunshine he was at that time. We shared memories. I guess it was almost 40 years ago when we first met your family. God has surely been near to us all and has kept us. Now we know Frank is HOME at last. For that I am so thankful. It makes grief much more bearable. We have HOPE, don't we Skelton Family! Looking to see you tomorrow at Woodlawn here.
Sending our love and especially our prayers,
Sara and Ken Muxlow
Taylors, SC

Sara Muxlow - May 13, 2014 at 08:28 AM

BM

“ My next door neighbor as a boy and always great memories of him and the family...we had such good people living next to us and he will be missed for sure...God Bless the family with this loss...

Bill Muxlow - May 13, 2014 at 07:51 AM

MG

“ Dear Jean & family - please know you are in my thoughts & prayers during this sad time. Frankie was a wonderful man. I remember working with him at Cone Mills and his great sense of humor. I am so happy that over the years we became more like family to each other. I know that "Admiral Bob" is very excited to have his buddy with him now in heaven! Be strong and be happy Frankie is not suffering anymore! My love to all the Skeltons! MaryEllen Geiger

MaryEllen Geiger - May 13, 2014 at 07:17 AM

JT

“ So sorry to hear of Franks death. I worked with him at Cone, Salisbury Plant. He always talked about his loving family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sorrowful time.

Jayne Thompson - May 12, 2014 at 08:23 PM

DM

“ I am so sad to hear of Frank's Passing. We had the opportunity to work together in 1975 & 1976 at American Spinning where I was the Personnel Manager. I have a great picture of his son Tony with Andre the Giant !. Bunny and I extend our sympathies to Jean and all the family
David & Bunny Moff

David Moff - May 12, 2014 at 04:46 PM