



James Skelding

March 20, 1933 - March 11, 2010

“The proper function of man is to live, not to exist. I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them. I shall use my time.” Jack London James “Red” Skelding died at home Thursday March 11, with his bride of 53 years and his four “J's” at his bedside. Red was born on March 20, 1933. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1952, and continued to Assumption College in Ontario, Canada. Red was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean War, who upon returning home spent nearly 50 years working at Black Diamond Nursery. Throughout his journey, Red devoted his life to both his family and discovering the great outdoors. His many adventures took him to the Pine River, the woods of Canada, and most recently to Alaska. While he was an exceptional hunter and fisherman, he readily admitted that his finest catch was his wife, Sharon. Preceding him in death were his parents, Marcella and R. Frank Skelding; brother, Thomas Verlin and nephew, Michael Moerdyk. Red is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Morgan Skelding; sister, Marilyn Huggins; devoted children, Jeff Skelding and Tami, Jill Taylor and Martin, Jennifer Skelding, James II and Dina Skelding; admiring grandchildren, Eric Taylor and Stephanie, Brian and Sarah Taylor, Abbott, Sam, Brock, James C., Justin; beautiful granddaughter, Olivia Skelding; loyal dog, Sir Henry; sister in law, Lois Verlin; and his special “up north” extended family. The family extends a special thank you to Eileen Knopp RN, Beth Chase RN, Willie Mae, and physical therapists Mike and Joan of the Visiting Nurse Service of Toledo. Also many thanks to the “Wednesday Breakfast Club”, Especially Betty Stein. A

celebration of his life will be held at Ansberg-West Funeral Home on Saturday, March 20, where the family will receive friends from 11:00am to 3:00pm, with a blessing by Fr. Richard Morse at 2:00pm. Upon Red's request, in lieu of flowers, donations should be directed to Oak Openings Metro Park in Whitehouse, Ohio or the veterans organization of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.ansberg-west.com

Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Jim, Dina and Family our condolences on the passing of your father. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless Dan and Mary Bukowski*

Daniel and Mary Bukowski - d2609j@aol.com d2609j@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Sharon, I am so sorry to hear of Reds passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayors. Please take care.*

Sherry Schmidt - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

YN

“ *Dear Mrs. Skelding, Jill and Skelding family, our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing that others share in your grief. Our sincere condolences, Guessler, Yvonne Normand &family*

Yvonne Normand&Family - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Jeni and family...so sorry to hear about your Dad. You are in my thoughts and I know that this is a difficult time for all of you. Ellen Shanahan Douglas*

Ellen Shanahan Douglas - mlwellen@aol.com mlwellen@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dear Jill and Skelding Family, I am so sorry to hear of the death of your father. I do remember meeting your father a few years ago as I was at your home. Your family will be in my prayers. If there is anything I can do to help please let me know. Your Friend, Pat Pedro Carmean

Pat Carmean - mpcarmean@sbcglobal.net mpcarmean@sbcglobal.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jill and Family: We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. As you look to the heavens you will find the brightest star shining down on you all. Your family is in our prayers and thoughts. Maggie and Brent Reed

maggie reed - mreed@mvcds.net mreed@mvcds.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Sharon and the 4 "J's" Our sincere sympathy at Jim's passing. Mom loved him so much, she always said he was like her little brother. They are probably sharing stories already. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Family is family, no matter the miles that separate. Blessings to you all. Aunt Betty and Uncle Larry's family from Grand Rapids

The Eno Family - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ our deepest sympathy at the loss of Red he will always be remembered with warm thoughts.

Hal &Cindi Harman - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM