



Earl J. Schipper

November 1, 1935 - July 9, 2014

Earl J. "Skip" Schipper, 78, of Holland, died unexpectedly on Thursday, July 9, doing what he enjoyed. Earl was reading a great book. Earl was born on November 1, 1935, in Holland, Michigan, to Elmer and Henrietta (Mannes) Schipper. He graduated from Holland Christian High School, Calvin College and Calvin Seminary. Earl served as the pastor to First CRC of Salt Lake City, Middleville CRC and was a campus chaplain at Ohio State University. Earl worked for CRC Home Missions and later as the first executive director of Evergreen Commons. He taught religion at Grand Rapids Christian High School and at Calvin College, and served as the executive director of the Michigan A.I.D.S. Fund. Earl was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers: Warren, Howard, Don, and Jerry, and his first wife Joyce (Strabbing) Schipper in 1993. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Alyce, his children: Mike (Lori) Schipper of Middleville, Jim (Leah) Schipper of Grand Rapids, Shelly Griffis of Holland; 17 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, step-children: Ellen (Bob) Post of Dutton, Sara (Dean) McNutt of Middleville, Mary Reynolds of Holland, Howard (Robin) De Went of Middleville, sisters: Judy (Rodger) Dangremond, Carol Brink; in-laws: Ellen Schipper, Beth Schipper, several nieces and nephews. A time to visit with the Schipper family to remember and celebrate the life of Skip will be held 6-8 pm, Tuesday, at Evergreen Commons. Memorial contributions may be made to Evergreen Commons, or Bethany Christian Services. Arrangements by Langeland-Sterenberg Funeral Home, Holland.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Earl J. Schipper*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"You will always be in my heart grandpa. We will be together soon.-
Love, Addison Earl Schipper"*

Addison Schipper - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Schipper Family. Our condolences to you in your loss. We join others in praying for you, that the Holy Spirit would grant you comfort and support in your loss. That you would find comfort in the support of friends and loved ones. Earl was a classmate of mine at Calvin Seminary; we graduated together in June of 1960. Jim Evenhouse. My wife Helen joins me in expressing sympathy."*

James Evenhouse - July 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Uncle Earl. You shared a nick name with my Father "Skip" and you were a Father to me after Howard passed away. Words cannot express my sorrow nor my joy for having the honor to be your Niece. How you showed me love throughout the years especially the last. You were always there for me and always true family through thick and thin. You were a great mentor, teacher of life, and will never forget your laugh and your goodbye on the phone which was love you kid ,take careI had a dream after your passing you met Howard, my Dad and said she is doing ok and that you were watching over me and giving me good direction. You two were smiling ..your impact on me just a fraction of what you have been to soo many people in your life.. So proud to have had you in my life and the privelged to call you My Uncle Earl Schipper..never forgotten and alwaysed cherished All my love and admiration your Niece Sarah Schipper. Hometown Holland Michigan”

A friend - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TT

“Dear Schipper Family,
We are very sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Remember and treasure the good times, we love you guys.
The Taylor Family”

Tom Taylor - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ER

“like the flame on a candle, you were a light in danny's life.your booming laughter and your zest for life will always be remembered.”

erin - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“Alyce and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you while we know God's Shalom surrounds you at this time. As a young immigrant family at the time, we remember with deep appreciation and love, Earl as our first Pastor and friend in Salt Lake City. He described the memory of all his firsts in his ministry in a memo: "It was a privilege and honor that takes a lifetime to cherish". We're thankful we could meet one more time a few years ago. John and Anne Pos.”

John - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“Alice, I a so sorry for your loss. Please let me know when you are in Middleville. Love to do lunch.”

Cathy Williamson - July 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“Dear family, I remember the kind hospitality you all gave to me as a young Michigan student at OSU. You took me in on many a Sunday for a meal and fellowship. Earl was used of God to be his "hands" and "feet" to so many on the OSU campus.”

Dick Walhout - July 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“Skip was among the best teachers I ever had. Loved him. Sorry to read of his passing. Will always appreciate what he gave to his students at GRCHS.”

Dick DeYoung - July 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Heartfelt sympathy in your loss, Alyce, and condolences to the Schipper Family. Priscilla De Haan Tempelman”

A friend - July 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DU

“Lori, Mike, & Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I can only hope that time will bring you comfort and help to heal your sorrow. May you find strength in the love all around you and comfort in all the wonderful memories. Love Donna Urban & kids!”

Donna urban - July 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“Just reread my message it was intended to be sent minus the question marks that were hit instead of the send key...so sorry??”

Joy Brower - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM