



Alfred C. "Skip" Westergard

November 16, 1937 - January 27, 2024

Saugerties – Alfred C. Westergard (Skip) of West Saugerties died after a brief illness at Health Alliance, Benedictine Campus on Saturday, January 27, 2024. He passed peacefully with his son and daughter at his side. Skip was born on November 16, 1937, he was the son of the late Alfred and Mildred Westergard.

Skip was a proud lifelong resident of Saugerties, graduating from Saugerties High School, Class of 1956. After graduation he served in the United States Air force. He was Honorably Discharged after a letter was written by Dr. Ash (Saugerties) requesting that Skip be granted a hardship discharge to return home and help his Father care for his siblings, Donald, Linda and Sharon.

Skip worked at the Texaco Station in Malden at the Hot Shop where he met the love of his life, Ann. Those close to them know their story. He went on to become the plant photographer at IBM Kingston, Poughkeepsie and Fishkill, was a member of the Quarter Century Club. In addition to his employment at IBM he had a successful photography business of his own. Skip was a self-taught photographer. He photographed almost every wedding and took every senior picture in Saugerties. After his retirement from IBM in 1992, he went on to work for the Town of Saugerties, mowing the fields at Cantine in the summer and working at the Kiwanis Ice Arena in the winter.

Skip loved baseball, jazz and vacationing in Puerto Rico. He was extremely proud of his Irish Heritage. He was over the moon proud when he learned he was more Irish than his son-in-law. Skip was a tried and true Yankee Fan and was a walking encyclopedia of baseball. He loved Saugerties Baseball. Skip loved everything Saugerties. His memory was incredible and was definitely a Saugerties Historian. Working at Woodstock '94, he drove the performers from Rhinebeck to Saugerties. He would often speak of helping Gregg Allman with a bee sting, telling him put mud on the sting to draw out the stinger. The band, Cyprus Hill liked him so much they took him on a tour of their bus.

Skip is survived by his daughter, Denise (Harry) Woltman of Kingston, a son, Tim (Becca Foy) Westergard of Owasso, Oklahoma, and his beloved grandsons, Kevin Woltman (Chrissy Vermilyea and her son, JD) of Kerhonkson and Andrew Woltman of Astoria, Queens, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Skip is predeceased by his wife of 56 years Ann Westergard, a brother, Donald Westergard and sisters, Linda Post and Sharon Cross. The family would like to send a special thank you to Heidi Chen for everything she has done through the years

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, from 3 to 6:30 with a service immediately following at Buono Funeral Service, Inc, 100 Main Street, Saugerties, NY. Interment will be conducted on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at Blue Mt. Cemetery, Saugerties, NY at 11am.

In lieu of fresh flowers the family suggests dish garden for loved ones to take home in memory of Skip. Donations can also be made to the RYAN House, 19 Barclay St, Saugerties, NY. Please offer your condolences for Skip and his family online at www.BuonoFuneralService.com.

To DONATE to RYAN's House CLICK the link below or paste it into your browser.

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Cemetery Details

Blue Mountain Cemetery

Saugerties, NY 12477

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Buono Funeral Service, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall

RZ

“ Skip was one of the most comical guy you could ever want to meet. He was always finding the humor and spreading it to everyone. He loved his wife Anne and was so proud of his family. I met him at IBM in the mid sixties and we were instant friends and for life. Both he and Anne were the nicest couple I have had the pleasure to know. Rest in peace Skip ,tell Anne we miss her too.

Raymond Zarcone - January 30, 2024 at 09:45 PM

CL

“ So sorry to hear of Skip's passing. He was always a wonderful neighbor in West Saugerties! Enjoyed many a beer, food, and a laugh on the front porch with him and Annie. Enjoyed all of his Facebook posts. God bless. Charlie and Shirley Lowrey

Charles Lowrey - January 30, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JC

“ Jackie Nollet Caster purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Alfred C. "Skip" Westergard.



Jackie Nollet Caster - January 30, 2024 at 12:21 PM

JC

“ Jackie Nollet Caster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alfred C. "Skip" Westergard.

Jackie Nollet Caster - January 30, 2024 at 12:21 PM

CB

“ Denise Tim and family. I am so sad to learn of Skip's passing and wish I could be there with you. he was a wonderful person and we were friends for many years and we have many happy memories of Skip and Ann. please know I am thinking of you all at this very sad time. Kay Berzal and Tasha

Catherine Berzal - January 30, 2024 at 11:18 AM

KF

“ To Denise & Tim and family my deepest sympathies for your dad's passing.
He brought joy to many people in our family. His Love of photography has left a legacy of happy times and great memories. The photos he had taken of our family will always be cherished. His and Anne's warm invited hospitality to their home will always be remembered. Photography he produced will always be reflective memories to all of us. He is in heaven with my Dad Joseph Comito and his wife Anne. Now at peace with forever good times in a better place. May the lord bless you all and may he give you comfort thoughtout the this year and beyond.

Love, friendship& memories!
Kimberly Comito - Filomio

Kimberly Filomio - January 30, 2024 at 11:02 AM

TF

“ The Lavergne Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alfred C. "Skip" Westergard.



The Lavergne Family - January 30, 2024 at 09:11 AM

ER

“ *Ed & Sindi Reynolds and Babette Reynolds purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Alfred C. "Skip" Westergard.*



Ed & Sindi Reynolds and Babette Reynolds - January 30, 2024 at 07:26 AM

GG

“ *I am a cousin of Skippy's. I have not seen him for years. But, thanks to Facebook, we connected a bit. His Dad and my Dad were brothers. I wanted to get together with our other 2 cousins to have our picture taken. I just recently came up with this Idea. I am so sorry for his 2 adult children and his Grandchildren. Westergards are leaving us. So Sad.*
Gail Westergard Reighard Giddings

gail giddings - January 29, 2024 at 05:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alfred C. "Skip" Westergard.*



January 29, 2024 at 02:57 PM