

Clyde (Skip) L. Messinger “Papa”

April 22, 1950 ~ April 11, 2021

Our sweet, generous, hilarious “Papa” passed away peacefully at home, in his sleep Sunday, April 11, 2021. He fought a short but fierce battle with cancer as well as heart complications.

Skip was born April 22, 1950, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He attended South High School in Salt Lake City.

He married the love of his life, Kathleen Miller, on May 29, 1970. They had many adventures in their 51 years of marriage. Whether it be fishing the Snake or Provo River, motorhoming through the National Parks, weekend getaways, starting food fights in fancy restaurants, or getting beat at cards by his “princess”.

His biggest joy in life was his family. He would always drop in to visit his daughters and take them to lunch. He loved and cared for them so much and would be there for them at any time for anything. Even more so, he cherished his grandchildren. He would drop everything to take them shopping and to lunch with Papa. He relished in all their successes and accomplishments.

Skip was a plumbing sales rep throughout his life. He worked for Mark’s Plumbing for 20+ years and he valued the friendships he made with his coworkers and customers. He always arrived with donuts and told the best jokes when he called on his customers.

In his downtime, you could find him fishing in his kick-boat or relaxing in his favorite place- Jackson Hole, WY with his sweetheart Kathy. He loved the Grand Tetons and was well-read on all the history of Jackson Hole.

He was a true gentleman and was a quick friend to everyone. He loved his country and was always quick to anonymously pick up the tab for armed service people.

Skip’s legacy includes two daughters, Melanie (Jay Jeffs), Andrea (Sam Page), grandchildren, Cory (Brittney Lewis), Kelsey, Anna, and Bella, along with two great-grandchildren Lucas and Ramsey.

Skip loved Christmas time and would go all out to decorate, shop, and provide his family with the most memorable and amazing Christmas’ ever.

Skip found joy in supporting many foundations including the Road Home: theroadhome.org,
Shop with a Cop: utahpolicecivilianassociation.org or Sub for Santa: unitedwayuc.org. In lieu of flowers: Skip would be proud if his friends and family continued his support by donating in his memory to these organizations or others you hold dear.

Skip will be greatly missed but will remain in the hearts and memories of all who knew him.

Dad was adamant that he didn’t want a traditional funeral. He wanted us to join together, enjoy each other and remember the good times.

He asked his ashes be spread in the Tetons in Wyoming. That is what we are going to do!

The family will be hosting an open house gathering to celebrate Skip’s life on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 4 pm at the home of his daughter: 14186 S. Coyote Hollow Court Draper UT 84020.

Parking is available in the Draper Temple parking lot, located up the street from the home.

“Remember the good times and all the fun we had.
Remember me with laughter and never feel sad.
Be it winter, spring, summer, or fall.
If you remember me with tears-
Don’t remember me at all”- Kathy Messinger.