



## David W. Skinner

April 18, 1941 - May 5, 2020

David W. Skinner, 79, of Manteno, IL passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at Miller Healthcare Center.

David was born April 18, 1941 in Richmond, Indiana, the son of Blair and Louise (Knoll) Skinner. His parents preceded him in death.

He was a graduate of Driver High School in Winchester, Indiana and graduated from Olivet Nazarene University in 1971 with a bachelor of science degree in Religious Education. David was a member of Manteno Nazarene Church where he was organist for over 35 years.

David was a piano and pipe organ technician - building, rebuilding, servicing and tuning pipe organs in the Kankakee area as well as Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin. He maintained many organs in the Chicago area, including the Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago. He began working with representatives of both the Reuter Organ Company and the Kimball Piano and Organ Company while in college and in 1971 set up his own business.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Skinner of Marion Indiana, and stepfather and stepmother, Herbert and Mazetta Metcalfe of Monroe, Indiana.

Surviving are his wife, Connie Skinner of Manteno; son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Rachel Skinner; daughter, Megan Skinner, both of Kankakee; two grandchildren, Rianna Skinner and Riley Skinner; one sister, Marjorie (Marvin)

Baldwin of Portland, Indiana; one sister-in-law, Lois Skinner, from Marion, Indiana; four stepbrothers: Philip (Edie) Metcalfe from Phoenixville, PA; Wayne (Janet) Metcalfe from Springport, Indiana; Nelson (Marta) Metcalfe from Middletown, Indiana; and Steven (Debbie) Metcalfe from Springport, Indiana along with several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the nurses, CNA's and support staff at Riverside Medical Center, Miller Healthcare Center in Kankakee, and Hospice of Kankakee Valley for their compassionate care and support of David during his illness.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Brown-Jensen Funeral Home, Manteno. A private memorial service for the immediate family will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David W. Skinner*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Are you the David W Skinner of Sokoban?*

**Erock Brox** - November 06, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss!*



**Rachael Thomas McCool** - May 10, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ *Connie, Ryan, Megan and family,  
My deepest sympathy in the loss of Dave. Please know how much I  
have appreciated his dedication to serving Manteno Church of the  
Nazarene not only as organist but as he enhanced and maintained  
the pipe organ over the years. I will never forget the hours he spent  
working on the organ chamber and beautiful console he refurbished  
prior to the 1997 sanctuary and McCormick Center dedication.*

*Dave – thanks for the encouragement, sharing music, pulling  
ciphers and repairing the pedal board at the last minute. Well done,  
good and faithful servant. Enjoy the great big pipe organ in Heaven.*

*Kathy Ouwenga*

**Kathy Ouwenga** - May 07, 2020 at 07:56 PM

JJ

*Connie and family. So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed working with Dave. He will be missed*

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**Jim Janowski** - May 10, 2020 at 09:29 AM

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*So sorry about Dave's passing. I will miss his friendship. As I told Connie recently, Dave was the one who found my beautiful home in Manteno as construction was just finishing. I immediately bought it! RIP dear Dave. - Tom Weisflog*

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**Tom Weisflog** - May 11, 2020 at 03:53 PM