



Frank J. "Skip" Claflin

May 15, 1953 - June 22, 2008

Frank J. "Skip" Claflin, 55, of LaFayette, New York died Sunday, June 22, 2008 at home.

Frank was born May 15, 1953 in Syracuse, New York, the son of Earl and Dorothy (Kostine) Claflin. He was a dry wall finisher for Skip's Contracting for many years and was formerly employed at Crucible Steel and as a truck driver for Sysco. He was an avid golfer and a member of Orchard Vali Golf Club.

Skip is survived by his wife of five years, Cindy Eaton Claflin; two daughters, Alexis Claflin of Phoenix, New York and Lynsay Claflin of Syracuse, New York; one son, Arie (Amanda) Caflin of Minoa, New York; two grandsons, Cayden and Braylen; three sisters, Edee Hiltbrand of Syracuse, New York, Betty Leonard of North Carolina and Linda Parler of Syracuse, New York; three brothers, Bud Claflin of Sylvan Beach, New York, Jack Claflin of Sylvan Beach, New York and Harry Claflin of Syracuse, New York; several nieces and nephews.

Calling Hours: Wednesday, June 25, 2008, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

Funeral Service: Wednesday, June 25, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank J. "Skip" Claflin*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - June 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Skip, you are still on my mind after all these years. I miss u i tried to find u again a few years back, but couldn't just want u to know you were my first love, and boy did i love you. i miss you buddy. hope you are looking down on me and smiling :)*

August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pop, I need you on my team right now!!! I need your help, and you know why!!! Please be with me, please take care of me! I love and miss you tremendously! - Lex*

July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Happy Birthday Papa! You would be 58 today!!! I miss you so much, and wish I could pick up the phone to hear your voice, joke with you, and tell you I was gonna take you out back and kick your ass! lol!

Obviously I didn't get to write anything last year, as I was sitting in the hospital, almost dead...Thank you for being there and protecting me...So was it that you weren't ready for me to be with all of you then, or were you just protecting Mom's heart for her birthday? Sometimes I think it would have been better if the outcome was the other way...

This is too much to handle sometimes!! What's great is that I KNEW it was you, because you left the very obvious "CLUE"...

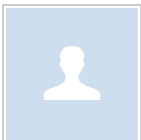
I Love you Pop! Please stay with me and make me, and everything in my life better...

May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Hey Papa, it has been a little over a year and damn I miss you. I know you are with me still though and watching over us. Aren't Bray and Cayd getting big? I want to know the truth Pop...somehow I know you can get it to me, whether through Jackie, or a dream. Ja is a good guy isn't he...I love you still. and your wife sucks ass! Love you

August 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sadden, im sitting here thinking about special times that i had with my brother skip I will always hold him dear to my heart.

July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ uncle skip was always such a clown. we always had to be the center of attention at any family event we went to . he will always be in my thoughts. lots of love ricky c

June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Skippy, I just want you to know that I loved you and will miss seeing you at Mema's. Whenever I eat pistachio's I will think of you or listen to my styx album. Alexis, Lyn, Aire and Cindy you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry for yur loss. May God Bless all of you. P.S I know you really did not push me down the stairs. HAHAAHA

June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Today we got to say our goodbyes to you.I tried to keep Cindy's spirits up and not make it such a sad occasion.I know you were there with us,and see how much you were loved.Your the first of us to passover and I expect you to be there to meet me when it's my time. I know how happy Mom must be to have you with her,and how much you loved and missed her.I also hope that some with hurt feelings from the past got closure today. Because as we all end up in the same place, when our lives come to an end,all is forgiven.So Skip be happy and the free spirit that you are now.I can't see your face untill we meet again,but you'll always be in my memories and my heart. With all my love your Big Sister Edee

June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Even though i haven't seen you guys in a long time i still think about you. my thoughts and prayers are with you now. Skip give Ma a huge hug and kiss for me We all had great times together, thanks for the memories. take care

June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. He will truly be missed by ALOT of people. Hang in there !! God Bless~Michelle

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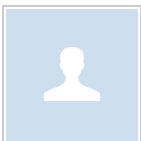
“ To my husband Skip I love you and I will miss my best friend. Hope everyone else remembers the good times. Love you from Shamus and Turtle.

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“ Skip, I'm gonna miss comparing soup recipes with you & hearing you tell Rick ""No Soup For You"". God Bless You and Rest in Peace Friend. Jo

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“ I will miss our goofy relationship, we were long time friends even though we hadn't seen each other in a while.

June 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Papa, I don't know where to start...I think I told you everything when I was there next to you holding your hand on Sunday...I love you Pop! I am so mad at you for leaving us so soon, yet so happy that you are with Gram again, but at the same time I am jealous that you will never be able to play with my kids like you did Braylen, or walk me down the aisle when I get married, or dance with me at my wedding...Oh, Papa, I love you and I am going to miss you so much...and you are still messing with me in making my car die today...I love you tell Oma and Grandma and all my other loved ones I miss them too! Goodbye Pop, but not forever...only a little while.

June 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Skip, you had the greatest smile and always made me laugh when you were around. You were a good friend to Jack and I know you two will see each other again in Heaven.

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“ Pop.. where to start.. i will miss ur smart remarks, ur laugh, ur cry, ur smile but most of all the way u were w/ Braylen. He thought u were the coolest for teaching him to play golf. He said ""I need big clubs like PopPop now. These r too small. I'm bigger."" All we did is sit and laugh together around him. whenever u left he always asked ""why does PopPop always laugh at me?"" U always said he was great and that I was lucky. Well so was he to have u there. Thank you. Take care of gram and oma and taunta aggie. Have a scotch w/ oma. I will love and miss u forever. luv ur daughter

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“ Skip a great person he always made me laugh when he was around he will be greatly missed our prayers are with you Cindy.

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“ Skip, Thank you for being my friend and all the help you were to me. You and Cindy are very close friends to me and I will help her all I can. She will be well taken care of with family and friends. You will be missed but you are now at peace.

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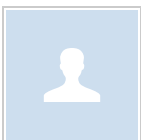
“ Cindy, My thoughts and prays are with you. We are going to miss that crazy Skip!!

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“ YOUR BROTHER WANTS YU TO KNOW THAT HE LOVES YU AND COULDNT COME TO YOUR FUNERAL BECAUSE HE IS VERY ILL HIMSELF IN THE HOSPITAL HE WANTED ME TO TELL YU THAT YU CHEATED HIM OUT OF SEEING YOUR MOM FIRST AN TO SAY HI TO YOUR DAD AN HE MISSES ALL THREE OF YU PLEASE GIVE MOM AN DAD A KISS FOR ME BUD AN ANGELA

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“ Uncle Skippy, You were always so funny & happy no matter what. Unfortunatley we have a family that aren't very close and nobody ever sees anyone you were thought of and loved more then you'll ever know. Give Gram a huge hug & kiss for me. Love ya always...

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“ SKIP YOU WERE ONE OF A KIND. we had so much fun together working at the garage or out anywhere we went bars, golf course, home, anywhere. You dont know how much it hurts to be writing this. You were my oldest and one of my best friends ever. Ill miss you and think of you often love the other skip

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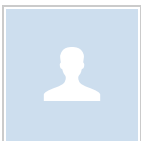
“ Cindy, My thoughts are with you! Skip was such a nice guy! Whenever or wherever I saw you guys he was always smiling and ready to give out those friendly kisses. he was a charmer!! I will truly miss seeing him but some day we will all be together again!! If there is anything I can do to help you please just ask! Cindy Thomas

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“ Skip was a long time friend from the 70's. He was also the best man at my wedding and he could always make you laugh (No matter what!) My thoughts are with you.

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“ I love skip and you will surely be missed. Give a big hug and kiss to Mom for me.

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“ *My thoughts are with you at this time, Skip always knew what to say to get people to laugh, with him or at him, he was the life of the party, he will be missed by all.*

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“ *TO MY PRECIOUS GODFATHER, WE HAD SO MANY GREAT TIMES WILL TRULY BE MISSED BY ALL OF US. GIVE GRANDMA AND GRANDPA A KISS AND HUG FOR US ALL. I LOVE YOU. BETTY, DAVE, MARY, TODD, JOEY, KATIE, BOBBY, KRYSTAL, TJ, DAVID EMILY*

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“ *Hi, I am so sorry for your loss. Edee i am so sorry for the loss of your brother i loved him more then any one ever knew. He will be missed.*

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“ *You & your beautiful smile will be missed dearly. It's only "so long" for now - rest in peace my friend.....Love, Cheryle, Daniel & Kayla*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the ENTIRE family. Uncle Skip you will be greatly missed. Love Kelly, Chris, Kaleigh and Kelcie*

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“ Skippy we are going to miss you tremendously.... Love ya buddy i will never forget you as you are the one who gave me my GREAT nickname BILLY WOODSRIP Brother!!!

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“ I didnt know Frank personally but I am friends with Lex, I want to personally extend my deepest regrets. Lex, you know I am ALWAYS here for ya. You know where and how to reach me.. hugs and more hugs. To Arie and Lyns my prayers and thoughts are with you as well.

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“ PopPop, I love you so much. i know u are just sleeping for now, but u'll b awake soon. I am so honered to b ur first grandchlid. I will really miss u. Take care of my great grandma and great oma. i love u.

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“ SKIP WILL BE MISSED FOR MANY DIFFEENT REASONS. HE WAS MY SON-IN-LAW AND HE JUST HAD A WAY ABOUT HIM THAT HE COULD HANDLE ALL SITUATIONS EASILY.HIS COOKING WILL BE MISSED ANDHIS JOKING MANNER. WILL NEVER FORGET THE DAY THAT HE RODE WITH ME WHILE DRIVING THE U-HAUL TRUCK AND IT SNOWING SO BAD YOU COULD NOT SEE THE ROAD. ALL THE YEARS HE HAD DRIVEN TRUCK HE HAD NEVER SEEN IT SO BAD. BUT I KEPT GOING BY HIM WATCHNG HIS SIDE OF THE ROAD AND ME WATCHING MINE. WE BOTH KNEW THAT SOMEONE UP ABOVE WAS WATCHING OVER US. LOVE MOTHER

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“ JUST REMEMBERING SOME OF THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD AT CRUCIBLE MISS YOU BUDDY

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“ Dear Skip,I'm sorry we haven't seen each other in years, but you know I always loved you dearly. We had so many great times, like our weekend in Atlantic City. Skip you are always in my heart although again we haven't seen each other in years. You are a great brother who always remain in my heart. You are are free now to soar with Mom and Dad and the angels. May you always rest in peace. I love you always. Love your sister Betty.

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“ *Uncle Skippy you will so be missed by everyone!! Whenever you entered the room you had a way of making everyone laugh and smile just by your presence. Give Grandma & Grandpa lots of hugs and kisses from me and Dad! Heaven has one more beautiful guardian angel!! Love ya!Cindy, Alexis, Lynsay and Arie my thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*

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