



## Jeffrey A. Skinner

December 18, 1951 - December 12, 2016

Seabrook – Jeffrey A. Skinner, 64, of Seabrook, died unexpectedly on Monday, December 12, 2016 at his home.

He was born on December 18, 1951 in Beverly, MA a son of the late Frank W. and Margaret (Sweeney) Skinner.

Raised in Topsfield, he graduated from Masconomet High School with the Class of 1971. He went on to work as a flooring installer for various companies throughout the seacoast area.

Jeff was an avid New England sports fan whose love for his New England teams knew no bounds. He was a former member and lead singer of the band “The Royal Aircoach”. The band played many venues around the North Shore and Boston and even though years have passed he never lost his passion for music. He loved his cat Bella and gardening in the yard, especially growing tomatoes. Jeff was a fierce and loyal friend and always had an infectious sense of humor.

Surviving family members who will miss him very much include his siblings, Frank W. Skinner Jr. and his wife Sian of Dorset, England, Thomas A. Skinner and his wife Susan of Jamesville, WI, Nancy E. Scott of Danvers, MA, Dorothy A. Skinner of Danvers, MA; Dear friend Michelle Donovan of Seabrook and

several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 7 to 9 PM on Friday, December 16, 2016 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the New Hampshire SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885 or to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

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# Tribute Wall



“ I miss my uncle Jeff tremendously. I always felt he was the only one of my relatives that reminded me in ways of myself. I wish we had more time with him.

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**Ryan Skinner** - November 08, 2022 at 10:41 PM



“ Jeffrey A. Skinner

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September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ Jeff and I were next door neighbors in Topsfield and great friends. I will always remember our good times together. I always hoped to see him again.

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**Cheryl Haag Phelan** - March 20, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ Our condolences to the Skinner Family. We have pleasant memories of Jeff as a neighbor here in Topsfield - he was very talented and had a wonderful sense of humor

Sincerely,  
Carole and Belman Carter

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**Belman and Carole Carter** - December 31, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ Hi this is Shahina Desai. I recently heard about Jeff. I saw him 2 weeks back. He was in a good shape and spirit. I will miss him very much.

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**Shahina Desai** - December 20, 2016 at 11:18 AM

MC

“ The world lost a Great soul, in Jeff Skinner's passing. He was my neighbor when he lived in Newburyport. We have remained friends since his move to NH. Jeff was an Honorable person; and a Loyal & Very Caring friend. He was a Special person; who made the most out of hard times. With his medical issues, he didn't complain. He smiled, made other people happy; and got the most out of each day! He was a Great joke teller. Always had me laughing, at his silly jokes. 😊. Even if he used the same material a few times over. Lol. He got excited about many things: Decorating for Christmas/Decorating for Halloween/Planting in his yard; and of course The Patriots & our other Boston teams!! It didn't take much to make him happy. I gave him a giant stuffed snowman; ("frosty" to him). Someone had given it to me - I didn't have room for it. Every year we talk about when Frosty will make the trip from his shed, into the house for the holidays. A few days ago, he said "Make sure you come up & see me & Frosty before Christmas!" His family plans to do something special with good old Frosty. I will miss Jeff. He brightened up this world. He had a Big Heart, a Love for Life, and a gentle kindness about him. So sad to say: "Good Bye my friend. I was so fortunate to know you. Heaven has gained a Remarkable man. Rest, with all of the Peace & Happiness that You Deserve.

Monica Corcoran - December 17, 2016 at 01:34 PM

CP



Cheryl Haag Phelan - March 20, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ Another very sad day and a big loss. Jeff became family during a past illness when he was befriended by our late son Troy Codd. Later through all of Troy's rough days Jeff was there for him to return his friendship. He was a very special person .

*Karin and Paul Breen and family*

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**Karin Breen** - December 16, 2016 at 05:06 PM

MD

“ My best friend Jeff will always be in my heart for the rest of my days. Not only was Jeff my fiercest and loyal friend, he made my life better because he was in it. Jeff will be sadly missed by me and his friends and family forever. RIP my love

*Michele Donovan*

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**Michele Donovan** - December 16, 2016 at 10:26 AM

SD

*Sorry to hear about Jeff. I can not believe he is gone. I just saw him 2 weeks back at Regal Inn. Very kind soul. Our Hampton beach family will miss him so much.*

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**Shahina Desai** - December 20, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ 19 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - December 16, 2016 at 09:52 AM

“ In celebration of Jeff's life, I am brought back to my childhood at Proctor Elementary School in Topsfield and Masconomet HS in Boxford. It was there that Jeffrey, Mark Connally and I forged our friendship and did everything that Topsfield kids enjoyed from riding our bikes around town, to swimming in the Ipswich River and working at the fair. When the Beatles hit the scene we were inspired and it seemed from that point forward, that our lives revolved around music. Like most kids, we were caught up in 60s pop culture. Thanks to my mom I got my first "Silvertone" electric guitar. We formed a band called "Whats Left" and my dad helped us with a sound system. We covered songs from the british invasion and eventually connected with hard driving drummer Gil Van Geyte whose family owned Sunny Lane Cleaners. Gil knew singer/songwriter Ed Goodoak from Danvers, who knew bass player Al Gagnon and the Royal Aircoach was born, rehearsing in Gil's basement two or three times a week. Somehow we found organist Mike Saulnier from Ipswich and Rick Noon from Topsfield on rhythm guitar. Al's father (Chauncey) helped us get some new amps and guitars and managed the band. We began to write original song and went into Wayside Sound Studios with Teddy Dewart (from Teddy and the Pandas) producing. Al came up with the signature lick for Wondering Why I contributed the bridge and backing vocals and Ed the lyrics. Jeff's lead vocals were awesome to say the least. Jeff and I collaborated and composed the ballad, "Webs of Love", the "B" side of our single and a timeless pop ballad. Nothing can describe the excitement when the band heard our songs played on AM radio. We played all over New England and often at the "Kings Rook" in Ipswich. Our shows at the fairgrounds and at Lockwoods barn parties were legendary... it seemed that everyone from Masco was in attendance, with Jeff at the front of the stage captivating the crowd, and Frank Iovanella's blazing light show. Eventually Rick was drafted and sent to Vietnam and Mark came in on rhythm guitar, but switched to keyboards when Mike Saulnier left the band. Alas those days were fleeting, but we held the magic and lived the dream... if only for a moment... none of it would have been possible without the presence and contributions of Jeffrey Skinner. Rest in

*Peace my friend and know that you are loved and appreciated.*

*Robert Greene, Royal Aircoach Lead Guitar  
December 15th, 2016*

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**Robert Greene** - December 15, 2016 at 08:32 AM

RG

*All of the Royal Aircoach songs are available on You Tube if you want hear Jeff's vocals.*

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**Robert Greene** - December 15, 2016 at 08:34 AM

DH

“*Jeff & I grew up together in Topsfield. They say you always remember where you were when you first learned JFK was assassinated. I'll never forget Jeff running up to me from across the street (as we were all walking home from Proctor Elementary) screaming, "They shot President Kennedy!" Then he walked me home. Both of us stunned. Now I'm stunned to learn of his unexpected passing. We were so hoping to get as many of our classmates together for our 50th Masco high school reunion. It's a few years off as we graduated in 1970. But this teaches us how to make the most of every day we are given. Rest In Peace old friend.*



*My condolences go out to all of his dear ones. Family & friends alike.*

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**Dona Hopkins** - December 15, 2016 at 02:00 AM