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Born: 04 December 1944 *in* Port Huron, MI
Married: 17 October 2013 *in* Port Huron, MI
Died: 08 February 2016 *in* White Lake, Michigan

WHITE LAKE – Carl “Skip” Hering

Memories from his loving wife, Joanna:

I met Ozzie (Nugent) in May of 1968, within the week I met Skip, Bob Vanderlake, and Tom Bargeman, where they had congregated at Bargeman's home on 12th. Ave. Ozzie had just gotten his Camaro Super Sport with Opera windows, double red-lined tires, vinyl roof and all the "toys". Parked next to us was the identical car in burgundy. Skip and Ozzie had driven to Crosswell together a few days before and bought identical cars from the same salesman! I knew right then these guys were tight! It was obvious these guys weren't just friends...they were tight, just like family! I'm sorry, guess I just needed to throw this in so you can understand where I'm coming from. Within the week I had visited all of the guy's homes, including the home Skip had bought for his Mother on Poplar St. (This blew me away because I was raised to believe that if you want to know what a man is like, check the way that he treats his Mother and you will see how he will treat his wife). Of course, at that time we were just friends and Ozzie and Skip both treated their Mom exactly the same way, like royalty!

OK, now to the info you requested, sorry about the corny stuff, but I think it's special.

After High School Skip worked in the lab at Mueller Brass, and by 1968 was working in the Quality Control Laboratory at Armour Company at American Tape in Marysville. Soon after he transferred his interest to the water filtration and purification in St. Clair County, specifically helping to clean up St. Clair River and striving for it to become one of the cleanest rivers in Michigan. All the while Skip was helping to engineer the tunnel carrying clean water from a glacier to Lake Huron and on to homes in Detroit by way of the Detroit Water Tunnel.

When Skip moved to Chicago in the early 1970's his new job became Quality Control Engineer at Armour Headquarters in Downtown Chicago. Skip became a personal friend of the CEO of Armour, and that strong influence became prominent in future career choices.

After 8 years at Armour Headquarters Skip left to pursue his dream of supplying clean water all over the world. His travels took him all over Europe, North and South America, Africa and Australia.

Water purification and filtration was being accelerated all over the world and Skip had found his niche on the ground floor.

In 1982 he was hired by Arelson-Parkson in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and 1986 Ashbrook, Simon and Hartley in Houston TX.

All this time Skip was oftentimes working as Trouble-Shooter for companies as Shell Oil, flying all over the world for his cause. Skip was reporting between offices in Chicago, London, Houston and Los Angeles.

After years of flying he became tired of the scheduling and decided to retire to a slower pace,; but not before licensing 4 patents for his purification machinery.

Easily bored, he decided to obtain a license in commercial air conditioning and heating, first named Quality Air Conditioning in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. After his relocation to North Carolina Skip received the contracts for all Home Depots in North and South Carolina.

Skip's mind was always switched to the "ON" position. I am still finding notes quoting and interpreting the Bible; And working on very long and involved mathematical problems.

After Skip passed I found a notebook with an eight-page problem showing how the Flint, MI problem could have been prevented for \$4 per day according to his calculations.

I was privileged to have known Skip, he was the most brilliant man I believe that I have ever known.

Hope this is what you need, Len.

I appreciate you both...most of all May God Bless You Both

Joanna Hering

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