



Roy Stephen Syler

May 18, 1939 - April 5, 2024

Skip Syler has gone to heaven to be with Jesus. His family is heartbroken to have to say goodbye. We believe he was welcomed by his parents and his younger brothers, as well as family and friends who have gone before him.

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. Proud Cubs fan. Proud alumni of the University of Illinois, Skip became an Electrical Engineer who claimed, "Numbers are my friend". In fact, he passed away doing his favorite thing, tracking his stocks. His career was impressive, and it took him and his family from Chicago to Cedar Rapids, IA to Dallas, TX and to Boulder, CO. He retired from Rockwell in Cedar Rapids and returned to Fort Collins, CO for their retirement.

Skip's biggest claim to fame in the eyes of his kids is his 62-year marriage to the love of his life Cathryn. They met at 14 years old and raised three kids, Steve, Shelly and Krissy. Those two are the gold standard and have given their three kids and seven grandkids the greatest example of love, adventure, and family. In recent years we saw his love and care for our mom deepen. He loved her more than any of us could imagine and she will miss him greatly.

He was serious and focused, yet funny and made us all laugh. He was generous, skilled, and always ready to help. He loved card games and family game nights. Skip and Cathryn played couples golf and were in bridge groups.

Their Newcomers friends from 2000 have become friends who are like family and will miss him dearly.

Skip instilled in us his love for Jesus and kept Him in the forefront of his life. Because of this, his kids and grandkids will see him in Heaven one day where we know he is playing golf, keeping stats, and offering up math problems to anyone who might be interested.

His greatest math story problem: What do you get when one 16-year-old falls in love with one 14-year-old? Three children, seven grandchildren, and 62 years living a beautiful life with the love of your life. We have always been so proud to be his children and grandchildren.

He will be remembered with the greatest of joy by his wife Cathryn, and his children Steve and Diane Syler, Shelly and Joe Harris, and Krissy and Scott Kissel. Along with his grandchildren AJ (Megan) Syler, Colton (Jaci) Syler, Lindsey (Jordan) Rossler, Amelia (Isaac) Samuels, and Reagan, Whitney and Tennison Kissel.

A Celebration of Skip's life will be held for family and friends on Friday, April 19th, 11 a.m. at Timberline Church, 2908 S. Timberline Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80525. The service will be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person at <https://youtube.com/live/ohFyurasaAs?feature=share>.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Samaritan's Purse on behalf of Skip Syler: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Timberline Church
2908 S. Timberline Rd.
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Being college friends and roommates with Roy’s son Steve brought me into the Syler family orbit. It was a grand place to be. It was full of laughter, insight and genuine friendship. God don’t make em any better. Rest in Peace.

Mike Bell - April 12, 2024 at 09:26 AM

RL

“ It was with great sadness and heavy heart that Katie and I learned that Skip has gone to be with the lord. He was a good friend and the leader of our “Tuesday Morning Coffee” group. A wonderful father and great friend. We will miss him but he’s in a better place with Christ.

Ron & Kaite Lautzenheiser - April 11, 2024 at 12:50 PM

DD

“ Skip was a star at our Tuesday morning men’s coffee group. One of his hobbies was following the stocks and bond markets. Each week he would present us with a profit/loss spreadsheet, in color, of a \$10,000 pretend Panera investment portfolio. Although, Skip did actually invest in some of the stocks we followed. It was so much fun and Skip put a lot of time into it for all of us. We all learned from our teacher, Skip. I considered Skip to be a good friend and he will very much be missed.

Sue and I have very much valued Skip and Cathryn’s friendship as couples. We have had many good times together here as well as in Arizona.

Dennis & Sue Disario

Dennis Disario - April 11, 2024 at 10:32 AM

TD

“ I liked to call him Skipper, because he was a leader and such a Cub fan I thought he was the manager. Those of us who played couples golf on Monday always enjoyed seeing he and Catherine and looked for to reading his humorous summaries of the results!!! God I'm going to miss this guy.

Cheryl and Terry Dougherty

Terry Dougherty - April 10, 2024 at 08:43 PM

KR

He loved the couples golf group and keeping stats!!

Kris - April 11, 2024 at 08:46 AM

GD

“ Skip was an incredible husband, father, and friend to all. I'm so thankful that I got to personally know Skip and see first hand the love that he had for his family. Skip was a person to be admired and for younger generations to look up to and pursue. I'm beyond heartbroken for the family and the enormity of this loss. But am also grateful for the legacy that he has left and hope in Jesus of seeing him again one day! All my love to Cathy and the entire family!

Greg Dix - April 10, 2024 at 07:42 PM

KR

Thank you Greg! I'm so glad you got to know my dad.

Kris - April 11, 2024 at 08:44 AM

DG

“ We will always remember Skip walking their dog Sophie. We live across the street and If our granddaughter was in our yard Sophie always wanted to visit her. Skip would let Sophie stop by and play before their walk.

Dan and Mary Gasper - April 10, 2024 at 06:02 PM

BM

*Skip had a talent at winning card games, enjoyed sharing his investment charts and graphs, always a thoughtful, fun friend and loving partner to Cathryn and his family.
Barbara & Bruce Moir*

barbara & bruce moir - April 11, 2024 at 12:22 AM

KR

Thank you Moirs!

Kris - April 11, 2024 at 08:44 AM

KR

Gaspers, you are great neighbors and friends! He sure loved Sophie.

Kris - April 11, 2024 at 08:45 AM

DK

Our hearts are with the Syler family in the loss of Skip, their husband, father, and grandfather. He was one of a kind. Skip and Cathryn were among the first friends we made when we moved to Ft. Collins, and we were lucky to be their neighbors. Don and Skip instantly bonded over their shared love of the Chicago Cubs, and they almost fell off their chairs when they discovered they were twins, both born on 5-18-1939, both in Illinois. A shared birthday party when they turned 65 is a treasured memory. One or both of us at one time or another were in bridge, cribbage, poker and euchre groups with Skip (and his cribbage statistics reports are legendary). We will miss his friendly smile and his innate kindness. RIP, Skip.

Don and Janet Kamnikar - April 11, 2024 at 10:57 AM

JH

*A great friend and will be missed by everyone.
Jack & Paula Hirneisen*

Jack Hirneisen - April 12, 2024 at 01:34 PM

BU

We had so many fun times with Skip and Cathryn over the years but one of my favorite was when they visited us at Lelanau Pines campground in Michigan . My husband planned a wonderful sightseeing adventure to show them all the beautiful places that we loved in the area. Cathryn wanted to stop at a quilt shop and my husband said it wasn't on the scheduled scenic adventure and she hasn't forgotten that! We instead had an ice cream . Skip never said a word!

Barbara Urynowicz - April 15, 2024 at 11:27 AM