



Edward Bennett "Skip" Orio

September 29, 1942 - August 17, 2009

Mr. Edward Bennett "Skip" Orio, 66, died August 17, surrounded by family and friends. The son of Harry and Edith Orio, he was raised in Lexington, TN. A lifelong Methodist, he served the church as MYF President and counselor at Lakeshore Camp. Ed graduated from the University of Memphis with BS and MA degrees and had completed curriculum for his doctorate in Educational Administration. After serving as an administrator and teacher in Fayette County and Dean at Lausanne School, he dedicated his talent, his expertise, and his heart to the University of Memphis, retiring in 2005.

His life's greatest passion was Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity where he served all his adult life as a friend, mentor, and true brother. In 2006, Ed received the Fraternity's highest honor, the Lambda Chi Alpha Order of Merit.

Ed's devotion to God and his love and compassion for his family and friends will be his eternal legacy.

He is survived by his beloved sister, Beverly Brooks Romines; brother-in-law Steve Romines; nieces Tara, Jessica, Amanda and cherished cousins.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11:00 AM Saturday, August 29, 2009 at First United Methodist Church in Lexington with Rev. Stan McDaniel officiating. Private graveside services will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Edward B. Orio Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, 3605 Watauga Ave., Memphis, TN, 38111, or the Collierville Animal Shelter at 603 E. South St. Collierville, TN 38017.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
Church Street
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ He brought joy to all who knew him. Over the years I have thought of him often, always planning to get together with Skippy 'sometime'. Well I know where to find him now. I hope to meet him again, the Lord willing.##imported-begin##Fred E Potts III, MD##imported-end##

October 02, 2009 at 01:18 PM



“ Skippy, you'll always be alive and laughing in my memories.##imported-begin##Ann Hay Walker##imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 01:51 PM



“ Beverly and Betty(Mom) Dill...Miss him so much and would have given anything to see him one more time.

Well, Skip, I know where you are with your Momma and Momma Jessie. We will stop by and see you sometime. Love you so much and miss you more than words can say. Ted and Chris##imported-begin##Ted and Chris Dill##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 06:47 PM



“ Like others who have signed the guestbook, I was an early friend of "Skippy". I knew him as a friend prior to our starting school and all the way through high school. As kids, we played in the pine tree "forest" at his home; we also played in the High School band together, Skip was a loyal and trustworthy friend. Unfortunately, after High School, we went our separate ways. However, I will always remember him and his mother, who was my third grade teacher. My prayer is with Skip as he joins his mom and dad in the eternal life promised by our Savior, Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Robert (Bob) K. Stewart##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 03:21 AM



“ Beverly, I am so sorry to hear about Skippy. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The last time I saw Skippy was at Linda Sue Fesmire's funeral. He seemed to be doing well and happy.

I often think of the fun times we had growing up and the many parties at your house. I may be in Lexington on Saturday, if so I will be at the memorial to see you.

Love,

D"Roy##imported-begin##D"Roy Anderson##imported-end##

August 25, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ I'll really miss you, old friend and brother! God rest your soul.##imported-begin##Kenny Stalls##imported-end##

August 24, 2009 at 05:29 PM



“ Only Skip could be Skip. One of a kind. A passion for life and others. JP##imported-begin##Jim Petty##imported-end##

August 24, 2009 at 01:43 PM



“ Beverly and family, I enjoyed talking to Skip and seeing him through the years when he called or came in the florist. I also appreciated so much when my granddaughter began school at U of M that he gave me his phone number and told me to give her his name in case anything happened that she needed help - this was so nice of him. I am thinking of you - Sincerely, Renee##imported-begin##Renee Conger McCollum##imported-end##

August 22, 2009 at 10:00 PM



“ Our sincerest sympathy to Beverly and famiy and all the friends. His high school columns were models for me when I took over that job. It was a pleasure seeing him over the years. A sad passing, Great memories.##imported-begin##Allan Fesmire##imported-end##

August 22, 2009 at 12:21 AM



“ I think I have always known "Skippy". Seems like we were playmates at least starting in first grade. I remember that he had a wonderful sense of humor and was always fun to be around. In the last year he and I were in contact some by e-mail and it was good to renew that old relationship. He will surely be missed. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Sue Gibson Vial##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 10:23 PM



“ Skip set a great example for all that knew him. Ms Edith Orio was also a great mentor. I still have many National Geographic Magazines that she shared with me years ago. I always enjoyed our conversations. She especially loved her children and grandchildren. I have a great appreciation for the Lambda Chi Alpha Order of Merit that Skip received. It is the highest award given by the National Fraternity. He deserved this because of his service and dedication. Skip and Ms "O" were both instrumental in my choosing to join Lambda Chi Alpha. There are so many great memories and thanks to Skip for his guidance and contributions to Lambda Chi Alpha and thanks to the Orio family for being outstanding examples in our community. Heaven is now even a better place because of Skip.##imported-begin##Tony Rogers##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 01:19 PM



“ Beverly, I am so sorry to hear about Skip. Of course I have many memories of him playing the panio for us when we would have whose summer slumber parties. He was a lot of fun to be around. I tried to reach you when both of your parents passed. I would love to hear from you. My thoughts and prayers are with you thought your loss. Betty##imported-begin##Betty (Melton) Carrington##imported-end##

August 21, 2009 at 01:13 PM



“ Although I never attended school with Ed, I learned who he was while I attended Lexington High School. (I graduated in 1955.) I believe that his family lived close to Lexington High School. I knew and worked with Ed while he was employed by Fayette County Schools. I also had the opportunity to work with Ed in his roles as a student and staff member at the University of Memphis while I was a faculty member there. I have many fond memories of my association with Ed. He was truly a wonderful person who enriched the lives of everyone who knew him. I extend my prayers to his family and pray that he will continue to grow in grace in his new life with Christ. Harry Bowman###imported-begin###Harry Bowman###imported-end###

August 21, 2009 at 12:20 PM



“ Ed was the sweetest, nicest, most pleasant and considerate individual I knew in my days at Univ of Memphis and in Lambda Chi. Had breakfast with Ed in July, and so thankful for having had that last opportunity to enjoy and reminisce with him. May God always watch over his gentle soul. Will be out of the country during the memorial service, but will be there in spirit.###imported-begin###Dave McComas###imported-end###

August 21, 2009 at 09:43 AM



“ Well, needless to say . . . Skip Orio was a special friend! He has left a trail of memories for those whom he touched in every aspect of his life especially for us with childhood memories & high school memories in Lexington, TN! I was fortunate to continue my contact with him throughout the yrs. & enjoy his wonderful sense of humor. We shared the same birthday (one yr. apart) & that was fun! GOD bless you, Skippy Orio!

Beth Arnold Lee###imported-begin##Beth Arnold Lee###imported-end##

August 20, 2009 at 09:17 PM



“ I have fond memories of Skip from our school days and time in the band with him. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.
Brenda###imported-begin##Brenda Gibson Schomburg###imported-end##

August 20, 2009 at 08:24 PM



“ I have many wonderful memories of fraternity life with Skip. Carol and I will miss Skip's sweet spirit and his gentle, caring ways. Our condolences to his family and to all the others to whom Skip was like family.###imported-begin##Roy and Carol Stanley###imported-end##

August 20, 2009 at 07:56 PM