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William Skinner Obituary

William R. Skinner, 89, Oberlin, OH, son of Janey Martin Skinner Johnson and Robert E. Skinner, passed away November 23, 2019, surrounded by his wife Susan and their children. He was born January 1, 1930 in Tampa, Florida and in 1966, obtained his Ph.D. from Columbia University. After graduating, he began his career as a professor of geology at Oberlin College, where he taught for over 35 years. A lover of both science and music, he collected records and shared his love of vocal performance with hundreds of listeners. In addition to his wife of 62 years, Susan, he is survived by children, David Skinner of Boston, MA, Jonathan Skinner of Dunedin, FL, Janey Skinner of Richmond, CA and Deborah Cannon of Columbus, OH; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother Lee H. Skinner of Albuquerque, NM. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 355 East Lorain Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a charity of your choice. Memorial Service Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Saturday, March 07, 2020 3:00 PM 355 East Lorain Road Oberlin, Ohio 44074

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JS

Janey Skinner posted:

Thank you for sharing your memories of my father.

November 15 at 9:03 AM

KL

Kurt Liffman posted:

Bill was an old research colleague and a friend. I hadn't heard from him for many years, but have just learnt of his demise. He was a cheerful and thoughtful person with whom I had many very interesting discussions regarding the formation of the Solar System, primitive meteorites and the components that are found in meteorites. As he moved through life, Bill made constructive contributions to our understanding of the Universe which were appreciated. He was modest, kind, and respected by his peers. I am very sorry that he has passed away.

July 17 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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