



## Jerome "Skip" Peter Hernandez

September 14, 1947 - March 13, 2022

On Sunday, March 13, 2022, Jerome (Skip) Hernandez, loving husband, grandfather and long-time teacher in Siloam Springs, passed away at the age of 74. "There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—A time to give birth and a time to die"

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a).

Skip is in the loving presence of Jesus in heaven.

Skip was born on September 14, 1947 in southern California to Cande and Betty Hernandez. He grew up in Cheyenne, WY, where he attended the Nazarene Church. In high school he was active in Youth for Christ and attended John Brown University.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Dewey, Dick and Bob Hernandez.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years Suzann; two sons David Hernandez of Bonners Ferry, ID and Jeremy Hernandez of Siloam Springs, AR; four grandchildren Kamryn, Jesse Michael, Nathan, and Elias; and his sister Sara Coulson of Cheyenne, WY. His presence will be greatly missed but he leaves a great legacy of service and love for family, friends and former students.

While attending JBU he sang and traveled with the Harmoners. His college was interrupted by the draft; he joined the army in 1971-1973 and served in Vietnam. After his active service he served in the National Guard for 8 years. He graduated from JBU in 1978, where he studied education and music performance. He continued singing throughout the rest of his life. He sang with the Choral of the Ozarks in Siloam Springs and most recently with the Singing Men of Arkansas as well as in the praise team at his church and in solo performances.

Skip knew God had a purpose for him and it was teaching. Mr. H, as he was known during his 37 years with fifth and sixth graders, brought to his teaching the same spark of interest and wonder that he carried into his volunteer work at New Life Ranch after his retirement

in 2016. Up to the end of his life, he also continued doing the construction work that had occupied so many of his summers throughout his teaching career, and volunteered to serve other's needs.

Skip loved God and the nature all around him. He always wanted to share his knowledge about science in an exciting way. His favorite bird was the eagle. "They will mount up with wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31b).

Visitation will be Saturday March 19, 4-6 pm at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs. His celebration of life will be Sunday, March 20, 2022 2:00 pm at Wasson Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to Siloam Springs High School Scholarship Fund, or the New Life Ranch, Colcord, OK.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 Highway 412 West  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 Highway 412 West  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Burial

MAR 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery  
2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ I just saw in the JBU 'Brown Bulletin' that Skip passed in March. I'm very sad to learn of this. I loved sitting next to Skip during Cathedral Choir rehearsals, trying not to laugh too loudly when he'd make some funny quip about the lyrics, or whatever. Skip was as interesting as he was fun and better yet, he clearly loved Jesus and was so grateful for his salvation. I'll always remember Skip fondly and am grateful for his impact on my life those short years at JBU.

Larry Haron - June 22 at 04:30 PM

MC

“ Suzanne, so sorry to hear about Skips passing. You both was always such an inspiration to me and Randy. We had a lot of good memories together. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. My God give you peace and comfort. ❤️🙏

Mary Cockrell-Wiseman - March 21 at 03:25 PM

VG

“ Joe ran into Skip at Wal Mart recently and came home to tell me how he was so full of life and looking forward to singing a lot more in the future. I enjoyed singing next to Skip in the Harvard Avenue choir for years, on praise team, even a few specials, as well as in Corral of the Ozark's. He was always so encouraging and upbeat. We also had some good laughs in the back row of choir. Our daughter Alisa Hipp, loved Skip as her teacher. He really encouraged her talent with illustration. We watched as he poured his life into the lives of his students. Praying for much peace and comfort from our mighty Creator for Suzanne and the family. We will miss him very very much! Love Joe and Val Garland, and Alisa Hipp PS We all have a stomach bug so we could not attend the service but we are watching online.

Val Garland - March 20 at 04:31 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Jerome "Skip" Peter Hernandez.



March 20 at 11:18 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Jerome "Skip" Peter Hernandez.*



March 17 at 09:29 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Jerome "Skip" Peter Hernandez.*



March 17 at 08:29 PM

AA

“ *5 files added to the album Memories Album*



Alexis Adams - March 16 at 07:02 PM

MB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Mark Barnett - March 16 at 12:37 PM

CC

*Mr. H was one of those teachers who invested in students in such a way that made us feel like we could do anything. He took a very shy, awkward girl and made me love learning. He saw through our outer issues and invested in the heart. I have thought of him many, many times since 5th grade in 1995.*

Christa (Keena) Clark - March 17 at 07:58 AM

TN

“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to Skip's family and close friends. I am sharing your loss in my heart. I performed with Skip on the Singing Men of Arkansas for eight years and much appreciated his sign language for the deaf, solos and just being there as a friend.*  
*I have missed him and even more so presently.*

*With Sincere Best Wishes,*

*Tom Neusch*

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**Tom Neusch** - March 16 at 11:21 AM

FS

“ *Mr. Hernandez was without a doubt one the best educators in the history of Siloam Springs School District. Such a nice man. Sad to hear of his passing. Condolences to the Hernandez family. First year Maple Elementary opened he had the last classroom on the southwest side of the building.*

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**Former Student** - March 16 at 05:21 AM

MB

“ *News of Skip's passing greatly saddens me. He sang in a few of my concerts with the Siloam Music Festival, and always touched the deep part of my heart when he would sing old revival songs that I grew up hearing and loved. He had a very rich and pure bass/baritone voice that was oh so thrilling to listen to. He stared with me about an car accident he was in many years ago when he should have died, but believed God preserved him to sing and bless the lives of others, which he marvelously did. Skip had a very wonderful, warm, gentle and caring personality which was also matched by his dear wife - such a loving, godly couple. I'll really, really miss Skip, but look forward to seeing him again soon in heaven, where we'll sing praises to our heavenly Father forever and ever. Here's a link to one if the sings he sang for a SMF concert entitled, My Song.*  
*<https://youtu.be/jTyOCrdFD3o>*



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**Mark Barnett** - March 16 at 12:25 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Jerome "Skip" Peter Hernandez.*



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March 15 at 10:18 PM

BL

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Mr. Hernandez Was such a good influence and motivator for me at school. I’m thankful that God put me in his path. He and I were the 4 squares partners. He taught me how to be fast at it and I had so much fun playing with him. I will never forget him 🙏

Blanca - March 15 at 10:17 PM

CB

So sorry to hear of Skip’s passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you at this time. I enjoyed my last visit in Cheyenne with Skip talking about teaching experiences. I know he is united with his family in heaven but will be missed so much on earth! Corine

Corine Barbour - March 16 at 03:17 PM

PS

“ Pamela Skvarca purchased the Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Jerome "Skip" Peter Hernandez.



Pamela Skvarca - March 15 at 10:07 PM

BS

“ So sorry, my thoughts and prayers are with the family. Many great memories of working with Mr. Hernandez while I was with Siloam Springs Schools. May you feel God's love and peace.

Betty Southerland - March 15 at 05:35 PM

CK

“ I had Mr. H for sixth grade way back in the day. I always kind of felt sorry for him because my two best friends were in his class too and we liked to talk. He had a unique way with his discipline for disobeying and those lessons have stuck with me. He has always been ranked as one my favorite teachers. He was a special man and I am forever grateful to have had him as my teacher!!

Cheri Kellar - March 15 at 05:17 PM

HA

“ Skip was a magnificent person. He was always smiling and had the kindest heart. My daughter loved him like he was her own grandfather. He meant so much to my family. Our hearts go out to Miss Suzann, Kam, and the rest of the family. We love you all and pray for peace and comfort during this time. -The Huffakers

Hannah - March 15 at 04:53 PM

JW

*When I joined the Singing Men of Arkansas Skip was one of my first friendships established within the choir members. Each week he always made sure I felt welcome and was a constant source of encouragement. He was one of the good guys...I will remember his spirit, love of singing and his kindness.*

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**Jim Wells** - March 16 at 11:51 AM