

Robert "Skip" Vance Northrop, 74, of Dunwoody, Georgia, passed away peacefully on the afternoon of October 15, 2022. His daughter Melissa was at his side.

Skip grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina. He graduated from South Mecklenburg High School in 1966 and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1970. Those early years brought dear lifelong friendships, and he quite literally lept tall buildings in his loyalty to his friends - once climbing a fire escape to officially welcome his best friend's first baby into the world. Soon after graduating from UNC, Skip joined the Navy. He was honorably discharged and moved to Atlanta to pursue his MBA at Emory University. There he met the love of his life, Regina Elizabeth McConnell, a stunning and feisty elementary teacher from Alabama. Skip won Regina's heart, loving every second of her tough as nails attitude and razor-sharp sense of humor. They went on to have a beautiful life together, joined by their two daughters, Melissa and Amanda.

After the loss of his beautiful wife and the unexpected loss of his daughter Amanda, Skip found his "best job ever" in being a grandfather to his daughter Melissa's two children who affectionately called him "Grumps". He happily volunteered to be their babysitter-on-demand. He always told them he would love them enough for three; from teddy bears special-ordered from Harrod's in London to swimming in the ocean together at the family's favorite beach in Ocean Isle, NC. There's no question that he did.

When he wasn't spoiling Melissa's children, Skip could be found either riding around Dunwoody in his convertible with his beloved toy poodle, Maddie; or holding court on Melissa's back porch, laughing with his oldest daughter, and razzing his son-in-law while they watched the Georgia Bulldogs on TV. During his last 8 months of life, Skip taught his family one great final lesson as he reacted with love, bravery, and strength as he faced serious health problems with his usual good humor and without complaint.

Friends described Skip in many ways - successful businessman, Tarheel, Georgia Bulldog, charmer, best friend, devoted husband. But Skip would tell you he was first and most proudly a father and grandfather. We are so, so blessed that he was. While we are devastated by this loss, we find solace that he is now without pain and embraced by Jesus, Regina, and Amanda.

Skip is survived by his daughter Melissa, her husband Bryan and his faithful toy poodle, Maddie. He is preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Robert Northrop, wife, Regina Northrop and daughter, Amanda Northrop.

Celebration of Life

Robert "Grumps" Northrop

December 17, 1947 - October 15, 2022



December 8, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Cecil B. Day Chapel of Perimeter Church

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for being part of this day with us and always making our lives better with your love.

With Love, Melissa, Bryan, McConnell, and Brooks

In Lieu of Flowers

Family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Perimeter Church Deacon's Fund

9500 Medlock Bridge Parkway
Johns Creek, GA 30097

For Deacons Fund in memory of Robert Northrop
www.perimeter.org/deaconsfund

Memorial Page

There are cards available for guests to write out a memory or story about Skip. Please share an encouragement for the family to cherish.

Thank you!

Order of Service

Processional

Carolina In My Mind

Welcome and Prayer

Alf Rhea

Scripture Reading

Psalms 23

McConnell Gorman

Presentational Song

Scars In Heaven

Matt Means

Cameron Bible

Lydia Sooter

Tributes

Ron Johnson

McConnell Gorman

Melissa Gorman

Presentational Song

Blessings

Matt Means

Cameron Bible

Lydia Sooter

Pastoral Message

Alf Rhea

Pastoral Prayer

Alf Rhea

Presentational Song

Stay Strong

Matt Means

Cameron Bible

Lydia Sooter

Benediction

Alf Rhea

Family Recessional

You Can Close Your Eyes

*All are invited to the Ministry Center
to join the family for a reception.*