



## Ralph "Skip" Snyder, Jr

August 19, 1944 - January 5, 2023

Ralph "Skip" Beach Snyder, Jr, born August 19th, 1944 in Bennington, VT to the late Ralph and Gertrude Snyder, passed on January 5th, 2023 at the age of 78 at his residence in The Villages, Florida.

Skip is survived by his wife Connie Profitt of 40 years and one daughter Tiffany and her husband Sydney Johnson and three grand-children. Also surviving are his step-daughter Crystal and husband Joe Hancock on two step-grandchildren.

He attended Ft. Myers High School and graduated from Cornwall Academy in Great Berrington, MA in 1961.

Skip then went into the Navy and qualified for the submarine service with high honors as a radio man, serving on the subs for over 4 years of service.

After the Navy he became a ballroom dancer and pursued it to become an owner/operator of three Fred Astaire dance studios in Ft. Myers, Naples, and Georgetown, DC. Skip continued to dance the rest of his life.

Skip started playing the piano at a very young age. He had his first recital at the age of 6 and became a concert pianist through his life. He would tell me that his mother would run him off of the football field to take his piano lessons and would say "one day you will appreciate this Skip." He did and for the rest of his life played and added a little boogie woogie as well.

Skip also started playing golf around the age of 12 and won his first tournament at 14. He continued to play and won many tournaments in his life. Around the age of 24 he became a real estate broker and grew to owning 17

offices throughout Florida and Louisiana.

He loved to travel and did all through the US, Caribbean, South America, and Europe.

Skip wasn't the most patient type of guy. He would talk about the Navy saying "It's always hurry up and wait" I think that's what took him to saying to someone telling a story "how long is this going to take?" It was always in good humor.

Can't leave out that he loved Old Westerns and reruns of Gunsmoke. I think because he met James Arness when he was young in Ft. Myers.

Skip- you will be missed by many, and always in my heart. - Connie