



## "Coach" Larry Skinner

May 25, 1947 - October 12, 2024

"Coach" Larry Skinner, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, coach, and friend left us unexpectedly on October 12, 2024, at the age of 77. Larry's journey began in Anniston, Alabama, where he was born and later graduated from Oxford High School in 1965. He went on to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Jacksonville State University, dedicating his entire professional life to serving others in the field of education.

Larry's career spanned decades and included roles as a teacher, principal, coach, and administrator. His influence reached many schools, including Trinity Christian Academy, Anniston City Schools, and Saks High School. He was not just an educator; he was a beacon of faith, character, and leadership. His passion for coaching extended beyond the court; he inspired people to strive for greatness in all aspects of life.

His beloved passions included his Faith, family, coaching, and cars. Married 55 years, he and his wife Gail (Rosamond) raised three incredible children, who are in turn raising "the magnificent seven," their grandchildren. An avid GTO lover, he loved restoring old cars, and he was proud of the home that he and Gail restored as well.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Deward and Vergie Skinner and his niece, Andrea Skinner Miller. He is survived by his wife, Gail; their children – Stephen (Beth), Marc (Misty), and Katy Van Meter (Joel); grandchildren – Samuel, Silas and Seth (Stephen), John Marc and Everly (Marc), and Pierce and Birdie (Katy); his brother, Don Skinner (Sissy), nephew, Jonathan (Abby). Beyond family, he leaves behind countless former players and friends. To them he was a hero, a mentor and a second dad.

He left a profound legacy of generational faith, generosity, diligence, and faithfulness. He was our rock, our protector, and our safe place—qualities that defined him as a father and a guiding force in our lives. He led his family to the cross, showing us the importance of faith in every situation. His presence was powerful, he commanded respect and his wisdom is something we will hold on to forever.

A funeral service for "Coach" Larry Skinner will be Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at Hill Crest Baptist Church in Anniston starting at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends two hours prior. A graveside service will follow at Dogwood Trail Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Brother Eric Snider will be officiating the services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Hill Crest Baptist Church  
Anniston, AL

## Service

OCT 16. 2:00 PM (cst)

Hill Crest Baptist Church  
Anniston, AL

## Graveside Service

OCT 16 (cst)

Dogwood Trail Memorial Gardens  
300 McKibbin St  
Oxford, AL

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ June Land Reaves lit a candle in memory of "Coach" Larry Skinner



June Land Reaves - October 20, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JR

Larry & I were classmates & friends at Oxford schools from 3rd grade & beyond. He will be missed!

June Land Reaves - October 20, 2024 at 04:14 PM

LS

“ Mr. Skinner was our principal, American History and Government teacher, and my Sunday School teacher in the College and Career class. He was such a good example for us on how to live the Christian life. He was always prepared and ready. He gave good advice for school, but also for life. He was a real leader. He had high expectations of us, the students at Trinity Christian Academy. We respected him, and we loved him too. We knew the love and care that he had for all of us. We were blessed to have his leadership and teaching. I send prayers for all his family. From Laura Walker Sands

Laura Walker Sands - October 16, 2024 at 08:07 PM

DM

“ Mr. Skinner was my principal at TCA and my parents thought the world of him and so did I. When my parents decided to let me go to AHS, it was mainly because Mr. Skinner was there. I remember him calling me to the office at AHS just to make sure I was handling public school well and that I wasn't afraid.

*Prayers for his family.*

*DeEnna Rhodes McAlear*

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**DeEnna McAlear** - October 16, 2024 at 03:26 PM

KC

“ Larry Skinner significantly impacted my life and many more lives @ TCA. I could not make the funeral today, but I am supporting the Skinner Family with my thoughts and prayers.

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**Ken Carson** - October 16, 2024 at 12:48 PM

MW

“ Marc, I'm sending Prayers and Comforting Thoughts for you and your Family. You all are such a beautiful family and I can see all the love in the pictures.

*I'm praying God comforts each of you all in special way during this difficult time.*

*Marissa Williams (GSA)*

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**Marissa Williams** - October 15, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ 125 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Miller Funeral Home** - October 15, 2024 at 03:34 PM

DS

*Mr. Skinner hired me as a teacher at Saks High School. He was a mentor and friend. I went to him for advice many times, and he always led me where I needed to go. He will be sincerely missed.*

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**David Craig, Sr** - February 24, 2025 at 12:59 AM

GH

“ *Larry is a forever friend in our hearts. We spent many years in the early '80's as church and neighborhood friends with Larry and Gail and Stephen. Larry was the image of a Christ following man and faithful friend. We long to see you again in Heaven. Until then, all our love, Ginny and Kelly.*

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**Ginny Flanders & Kelly Hamilton** - October 15, 2024 at 02:52 PM

LJ

“ *Larry Skinner was such a sweet man. He welcomed not only my brother but all of the VanMeter family into his home and his heart. All our love to his family and friends. May he rest in peace and in the loving memories of the many lives he touched.*

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**Lori VanMeter Jesse** - October 15, 2024 at 01:56 PM