

## THOMAS R. "SKIP" HUDZEMA



Thomas R. Hudzema, aka "Skip" was born August 26, 1950, to Margaret and Thomas Hudzema in Mt. Pleasant, PA.

He went to be with the Lord after a tough battle with Parkinson's just four weeks after a trip to his favorite place Disney World with good friends Coleen and Rick Davis.

He grew up in Bridgeport and graduated from Mt. Pleasant High school.

He worked for Regola surveyors where he learned his profession of surveying.

He became a registered surveyor in PA and spent the majority of his career working at his favorite company, The Gateway Engineers.

He was a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers and one of his specialties was caisson stakeout.

He met his soulmate and love of his life at Gateway, proposed with an iron city beer can tab and married Ruthann L. Omer in 1999.

Skip loved to travel with his Sweetie, and they took many road trips his favorite to New England and many trips to Europe with including their honeymoon in Greece where he got them lost on a road trip, in the olive vineyards.

He spent many years with his Mt. Pleasant buddies playing pinochle at Fred's Bar and Grill in Mt. Pleasant.

Skip has two amazing sons, Thomas E. and Nickolas P., from a previous marriage to Debby Hudzema.

Skip was very proud of his boys and the men they had become. He shared the love of sports with them by coaching Tommy in baseball and teaching golf to Nick. He was very proud of his championship basketball team from St. Pius.

He loved life, his golden retrievers bud and princess and grand puppies Sydknee, Roc and Shadow. Skip enjoyed lots of wine, whiskey, cigars with his best friend Rick, amazing meals with Deborah and Rex, sharing French fries with patty and too many other friends to mention, and his Jameson and secretly playing the accordion.

He is survived by his best friend, soul mate and love of his life Ruthann; his son, Tommy and his wife and favorite nurse Kim, his son, Nick; and his favorite grandson, Easton.

As he said he loved math, and his favorite engineer was his sweetie.

The family suggest donations to the Omer Scholarship fund which helps students at the University of Pittsburgh Engineering School. Please either write a check to Omer Family Scholarship in the notes section and then mail it to: University of Pittsburgh, C/O Laura Latini, PO Box 640093, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-0093, or use the following link <http://giveto.pitt.edu/OmerFamily>.

A gathering to Celebrate Skip's life will be held on Sunday from 6-8PM and Monday 2-4 and 7-9PM at **BEINHAUER FUNERAL HOME**, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray (724-941-3211). Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday at 10:30AM in St. Catherine Labouré Parish, St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Church. Interment will be held immediately following at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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