



## Richard J Skinner

April 21, 1949 - March 2, 2020

Richard John (Ric) Skinner, 70, of Pine Bush, NY passed away on March 2, 2020 in Middletown, NY.

Ric was born in Newburgh, NY to Richard C Skinner and Marion Skinner on April 21, 1949. He attended Middletown High School and graduated in 1966. He also attended Orange County Community College and Albany Business College. He went on to work for Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. as Records Manager for over 37 years. During this time, he also pursued his dream of making his own music. As an extraordinary musician, a spectacular guitarist and singer/songwriter, this led him to create his own band, Ric Skinner Band - Lot 14 in 2005. Ric's prior experience during the great 1960's as a full time musician in "The Diplomats" allowed him the unique experience to be on stage with some of music's greatest artists of the time including "The Crystals", "The Ronnettes" and "The Shirelles" which inspired him to include "Baby It's You" and "Be My Baby" on his first record release in 2006. These experiences truly inspired him as a songwriter and in 2014, Lot 14 released the all new original record "Transition". "Transition" is a 9 track album released by Ric Skinner's "Lot 14 Band". The band offers an eclectic balance of music transcending time as the listener hears sounds very reminiscent of the "The Ventures" surf music in their performance of Qlean. The album covers several other styles of music ranging from the aggressive rock sounds of "Let It Ride"; the blues styling of "What's Ya Feeling"; a hint of country in "Midnight Lady"; and the softer tones of the band's music in "Wow". He loved to play his original music out at many different local venues in the Hudson Valley. He also enjoyed bowling, playing golf and fishing and camping at RIO for many years. Ric also was a proud veteran who served during the Vietnam era.

Ric is survived by his wife, Karen Skinner, children, Jeremy Skinner, Lauren Hilaire, Justin Skinner, Anthony Skinner, two grandchildren Sean and Viviana and many cousins.

Everyone who knew Ric knew that after his family, his music meant everything to him. In lieu of flowers, please consider purchasing his music in remembrance of him at one of the links below:

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/transition/938722243>

<https://www.amazon.com/Ric-Skinner-Band-Lot-14/s?k=Ric+Skinner+Band+Lot+14&rh=n%3A163856011>

<https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/ricskinnerslot14band>

Also, please consider donations in his name to the American Cancer Society:

[https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=search&&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=NB+-+Donations%3A+General+-+BMM&utm\\_term=%2Bcancer%20%2Bdonations&utm\\_content=km6g6gnj\\_dc%7cpcriid%7c388656530784%7cpmt%7cb%7cpkw%7c%2Bcancer%20%2Bdonations%7cslid%7c%7cpgrid%7c59742786232%7cptaid%7ckwd-27320378831%7c&gclid=EAlalQobChMI1OqGvs6E6AIVApzCh2O6AIQEAAAYAAAEgL3afD\\_BwE](https://donate3.cancer.org/?campaign=search&&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=NB+-+Donations%3A+General+-+BMM&utm_term=%2Bcancer%20%2Bdonations&utm_content=km6g6gnj_dc%7cpcriid%7c388656530784%7cpmt%7cb%7cpkw%7c%2Bcancer%20%2Bdonations%7cslid%7c%7cpgrid%7c59742786232%7cptaid%7ckwd-27320378831%7c&gclid=EAlalQobChMI1OqGvs6E6AIVApzCh2O6AIQEAAAYAAAEgL3afD_BwE)

Funeral service and a mass will be held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on Monday, March 9th at 11am. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's cemetery, Cottage Street, Middletown, NY. Visitation will be held at Martinez-Morse Funeral Home, Railroad Ave., in Middletown, NY on Sunday, March 8th from 1pm to 5pm.

## Cemetery

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### St. Joseph's Cemetery

149 Cottage Street  
Middletown, NY, 10940

## Events

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**MAR** **Viewing** 01:00PM - 05:00PM  
**8**  
Martinez-Morse Funeral Home  
33 Railroad Ave, Middletown, NY, US, 10940

**MAR** **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
**9**  
St. Joseph's Church  
149 Cottage Street, Middletown, NY, US, 10940

**MAR** **Graveside Service** 12:00PM - 12:30PM  
**9**  
St. Joseph's Cemetery  
149 Cottage Street, Middletown, NY, US, 10940

## Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Martinez Funeral Homes - March 07 at 12:21 PM



“ Ric was an amazing musician and a very nice man. He played for a fundraiser that was held at my home and everyone enjoyed his music. An other occasion when he was unavailable to play her referred me to Dan Brothers. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was one of those people who leave a memorable impression on you. My condolences to your entire family.

louise luck - March 09 at 06:27 PM



“ Tony Martino lit a candle in memory of Richard J Skinner



Tony Martino - March 07 at 07:40 PM



“ Oh daddy, where do I start? You are my protector, mentor and confidant. Other words that could explain you are genuine, loving, ambitious, affectionate, compassionate and brave. You were an extraordinary musician, a spectacular guitarist and singer/songwriter. You researched a better school for me to graduate from when public school didn't work out, you worked hard to homeschool me so I could get a regular diploma and not a GED, you not only bought me my first car, but then gave up your car so I had one to commute back and forth to school with. You helped me put my resume together and pushed me to go to the interviews for the jobs even I was unsure of, you sat in the parking lot of my interview that put me where I am today. You walked me down the aisle so I could have the family I do today, you supported me through both of my pregnancies to make sure your grandchildren and I were safe. You loved both of your grandchildren with all your heart and I'm so happy for the memories you got to share with them. Especially, the endless basketball and soccer games, pool, and backward dances with SJ. I am so glad I got to play that last round of golf with you before I got pregnant with your beauty, Viviana. I am immensely grateful for you. Being your daughter was something most ppl don't get to treasure, you were the greatest father. May you rest peacefully daddy, til we can see each other again. I love you always and forever.



lauren - March 07 at 01:49 PM



“ Dianne Padula-Abrams lit a candle in memory of Richard J Skinner



Dianne Padula-Abrams - March 07 at 12:49 PM



“ 60 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martinez Funeral Homes - March 07 at 12:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard J Skinner.



March 07 at 09:18 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Richard J Skinner.



March 06 at 04:48 PM



“ Sincerely, Your Tectonic Marketing Friends purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard J Skinner.



Sincerely, Your Tectonic Marketing Friends - March 06 at 04:09 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard J Skinner.



March 06 at 04:01 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of Ric's passing. He was a pleasure to work with and always helpful with what ever you needed. Loved hearing him play music nights at RIO. He will be missed.  
Flo and Dick Cunningham

RICHARD CUNNINGHAM - March 06 at 11:23 AM

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“ Every year in August, Ric and I met at the diner in Pine Bush to talk music. Sometimes we would sit in his basement studio and talk some more music. He and Lot 14 opened the show at the Hudson Valley Musicians Reunion and they were great. The video of that show is out on YouTube. He was a true gentleman and my heart goes out to his family and his friends on this very sad moment in time. Ric, you are missed ...

Michael Raab - March 06 at 10:47 AM

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“ Sending so much love and blessings to Ric's dear family Karen, Jeremy, Lauren, Sean, SJ & Vivianna & Justin & Anthony.....we mourn with you in the loss of Ric. We love you all and our hearts break with you. I loved Ric like a brother (and you all too) thanks to the beautiful connection of his Aunts Grace & Marie. We all became family through these two great ladies who considered Ric their son! There was no sweeter, kinder, more talented & loving man than your dear Ric and the beautiful tributes to him over this last week show how many lives he touched. Praying that will bring you peace and comfort always. Much love from Joyce and Mel

Joyce Gitlin - March 06 at 10:44 AM

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“ We were both still in our 20's when we met. I have very fond memories of his friendship and music through all those years. RIP dear Ric.

Jeanne Moore - March 05 at 04:51 PM



“ RIP my friend. We always worked well together and I have the best memories of our BH and ConEd days.

Howard Geisenheimer - March 06 at 11:55 AM



“ I am beyond shocked and saddened.  
Karen, Lauren, Anthony and Justin,  
Jeremy and all Ric's loved ones.  
May God's peace comfort you at this very lamentable hour.  
I had many many good hours of music with Ric and I miss him.

Mike Hard - March 07 at 11:19 AM