



WALTER "SKIP" GANGEL

May 31, 1958 - April 28, 2016

Walter "Skip" J. Gangel, 57, of Oak Ridge, NJ, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Skip was born on May 31, 1958 in Paterson, NJ to Otto John and Marjorie Mae (Masker) Gangel. Growing up, he resided in Franklin Lakes, NJ with his parents, younger brother, aunt and uncle, and cousins who would later be referred to as sister-cousins due to the closeness of his family after the death of his mother after a battle with cancer. He graduated from Ramapo Regional High School in 1976, and continued his education taking classes at Bergen Community College.

Skip was always a kind and caring man who enjoyed helping others within his community. For many years, he did so by volunteering at the Franklin Lakes Ambulance Corp. Doing this gave him a sense of value and made him feel like he was making a difference in his local community.

Skip married his wife Charlene (Kemp) in 1982 and resided in Franklin Lakes, NJ in the same house that his parents had owned before him. In January 1997, they adopted their oldest daughter Rachel and later moved to Oak Ridge, NJ in 2002 and adopted their second daughter Cheyanne in 2003.

He was a mechanic for many years at Cambria Mack Trucks, but he really

enjoyed working for New Jersey Transit Meadowlands Maintenance Complex in Kearney, NJ as a machinist working on the trains that transported thousands of people each day.

He was a longstanding, passionate, and faithful parishioner of the Milton United Methodist Church in Milton, NJ. Fellow members of the congregation remember Skip as being extremely friendly, caring, and always willing to step up and assist as usher whenever he was needed.

Skip is survived by his beloved wife Charlene, his beautiful teenage daughters Rachel and Cheyanne, his loving brother Ronald Gangel and his wife Miriam and their son, Skip's Godson Marc, his loving sisters-cousins Jennifer Lynn, Deborah, Margaret, and Laura, as well as several other nieces and nephews.

Skip will best be remembered as the "Team Dad" for the Jefferson Twp. High School Girls Lacrosse Team, a devoted member of the Garden State Model Railroad Club in Haledon, NJ, a NASCAR and racing enthusiast, and most importantly a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend to so many.

The family will receive visitors on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435

A Celebration of Life will take place on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7pm at the Milton United Methodist Church, 316 Dover Milton Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Final disposition will be private.

Memorial donations may be made in Skip's name to: Milton United Methodist Church Paving Fund, 316 Dover Milton Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438; or to St.

Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Viewing

MAY 1. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Milton United Methodist Church
316 Dover-Milton Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 697-3194

Tribute Wall

DM

“ So sad to hear of Skip's passing. I will always remember him as a sweet, funny guy, and good neighbor. You will be missed! Much love to Charlene, Rachel and Cheyanne! <3



Daria M. - May 02, 2016 at 03:15 PM

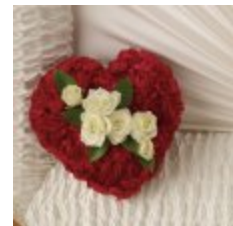
JH

“ Skip will be greatly missed by many. He was a kind, tender man with a big heart. I will cherish our friendship, even though it has been some time since we last saw him. Charlene, Rachel, and Cheyanne, you are in my prayers today, tomorrow, and always. May you find God's peace, presence and comfort. Cherish your memories that they may bring you joy through your sadness. You are never alone as Skip's spirit will be with you forevermore. Love you.

Joyce Howard - May 02, 2016 at 10:30 AM

TF

“ The VanDriel Family purchased the A Devoted Heart Casket Insert for the family of WALTER "SKIP" GANGEL.



The VanDriel Family - May 01, 2016 at 06:03 PM

VA

“ Vandriel lit a candle in memory of WALTER
"SKIP" GANGEL



vandriel - May 01, 2016 at 05:07 PM

JS

“ my deepest condolences to the gangel family. Skip never started a single sentence with me without a joke or wise crack which I loved. We often talked about our love for trucks and racing. Skip was extremely proud of his daughters and loved his wife very much. He would always share stories and pictures of his daughters with me especially pertaining to lacrosse. Ill always remember all eleven years I worked with him at nj transit and will miss him dearly.

john sitar - May 01, 2016 at 03:04 PM

NA

“ Nana lit a candle in memory of WALTER
"SKIP" GANGEL



Nana - May 01, 2016 at 12:09 PM

BD

“ Skip may you rest in peace. You were a great co-worker and I will always remember the years we worked together and the fun times talking about family and NASCAR.

God Speed

Brian Van Driel

Brian Van Driel - May 01, 2016 at 09:53 AM

EF

“ Please accept my sincere condolences to Skip's family. Skip was a great guy, coworker, and Union Brother. He will be sadly missed. May the Lord bless his soul in Heaven, and comfort the grieving hearts of loved ones.

Ed F

Machinist NJT

Ed Faircloth - May 01, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of WALTER "SKIP" GANGEL.



April 30, 2016 at 04:29 PM

AF

“ Ago Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of WALTER "SKIP" GANGEL.



Ago Family - April 30, 2016 at 12:05 PM

JM

“ My condolences to Skip's family. I worked with “Skippy” at New Jersey Transit and he was always one of the good guys.

John M - April 30, 2016 at 10:21 AM

HK

“ It's been along time since seen or even talked to my uncle skip, but one thing I know is he was one of the kindest loyal loving men I've ever had the honor of knowing he took me in when no one else could handle me and he loved me and he was more than a uncle he was my friend and I was a brat big brat I never thanked him but I never forgot all him and my auntie did for me..I'm so glad he got the chance to be a father before he left I know them girls were his whole world.I'll always have the memories of our talks when we went for hotdogs and milk shakes at the awesome joint we went to all the time...aunt char your live will carry on weather he's here or there.. ,RIP uncle skip.. Tell my bunny boots I said hi..

Heidi kemp-moore - April 30, 2016 at 08:48 AM

ND

“ Although we lost touch over the years, Skip has always held a special place in my heart and thoughts of him would always bring a smile to my face. The good times we shared , like my high school prom, have never left me. And since knowing him, I have never met a kinder soul. Most of all, his sense of humor always shined through. Anyone who has known Skip has been truly blessed. I know I am. Peace to you, my "old" friend. Nancy Conklin Dukeshire

Nancy Conklin Dukeshire - April 29, 2016 at 08:33 PM

MA

“ My deepest condolences to Charlene and her family.
With love and prayers,
Mary Flanigan

Mary - April 29, 2016 at 08:18 PM

TF

“ So shocked and saddened by this tragedy. We were just talking to him a few days ago at the girls' lacrosse game. He was always so kind and talked with us every time we saw him, usually at the games where he was always present to cheer for the girls. I remember years ago talking with him while we waited for our girls to finish dance class. I will remember him always as a very loving and supportive father and husband. He will be greatly missed!!

The Franco Family - April 29, 2016 at 06:42 PM

OF

“ Otto De Jager and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of WALTER "SKIP" GANGEL.



Otto De Jager and Family - April 29, 2016 at 01:41 PM

TS

“ *Tina Smith lit a candle in memory of WALTER "SKIP" GANGEL*



Tina Smith - April 29, 2016 at 12:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of WALTER "SKIP" GANGEL.*



April 29, 2016 at 12:14 PM

VC

“ *Vinny Del Giudice & Family, Denver, Colorado purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of WALTER "SKIP" GANGEL.*



Vinny Del Giudice & Family, Denver, Colorado - April 28, 2016 at 03:54 PM

VG

“ *Skip had a fine sense of humor.*

In 8th grade, we had an older U.S. history teacher named Mrs. Droge.

She was Alabama or Georgia -- somewhere down South -- and had a drawl.

Old Mrs. Droge, for some reason, liked to talk about President Andrew Jackson in class.

She always referred to him as "Andy Jackson."

"Andy Jackson" this, "Andy Jackson" that.

This irritated Skip and one day he blurted out:

"She calls him 'Andy' because she knew him!"

Vinny Del Giudice - April 28, 2016 at 02:57 PM

ND

That definitely sounds like Skip!!

Nancy Conklin Dukeshire - April 29, 2016 at 08:35 PM

JM

We were so saddened to hear of Skip's passing. Even though it's been many years since we've seen the family, we'll always remember his warm smile, welcoming personality, and quick wit. Our deepest sympathies to Charlene, the girls, and extended family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Much love,

Jan & Joe Martorelli

Jan Martorelli - May 05, 2016 at 02:24 PM