



## George Roeder (Maj. USAF Ret.)

September 10, 1938 - April 15, 2009

Maj. George L. "Skip" Roeder (United States Air Force, Ret.), 70 of Nashua, beloved husband of Natalie E. (Catalini) Thompson Roeder, died April 15, 2009 at the Southern NH Medical Center in Nashua. He was a resident of Nashua for the past 30 years.

Skip was born September 10, 1938 in Chicago, IL., son of the late Edward S. and Mae (Giacchino) Roeder. He graduated from Purdue University with a Master's Degree in Computer Science in 1962 and later that year joined the U.S. Air Force. Skip was a Professor of Aeronautics and Computer Science at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs from 1966 – 1969. He answered the call of his Nation and volunteered to serve in South Vietnam at Tans Sanute Air Force Base from 1969 – 1970. Maj. Roeder's last active duty assignment was at Hanscom AFB in Bedford, MA from 1979- 1983. Skip retired from the Air Force in 1982, after serving his country for 20 years. During his tour of duty he was awarded the Bronze Star, Joint Services (Air Force, Navy, Army, and Marines) Commendation Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medals.

Upon his retirement, Skip started a software company, Roeder Software, and worked for many years at Hanscom AFB as a Dept. of Defense contractor. He was a lifetime member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Nashua. He was also a member of the Nashua Elks. Skip enjoyed teaching, dancing, golfing, fishing, billiards, cooking, bridge, and most of all spending time with his wife and family. He loved his God, his country, and his family.

Besides his loving wife of 15 years, Natalie Roeder, survivors include a son; Ron Roeder of Lake Isabella, CA, Three daughters; Deborah Jones and her husband Don of North Jacksonville Beach, FL, Samantha Carroll and her husband Tim of Haverhill, MA, MaeJean Roeder of Concord, NH. A stepson; David Thompson and his wife Maureen of Newburyport, MA, a stepdaughter; Dianne Casey and her husband John of Amherst, NH. Eight Grandchildren, six step grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

Visiting Hours will be on Fri. (Today) April 17th from 5-8pm in the DUMONT-SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME, 50 FERRY ST., IN HUDSON. A Prayer Service will be held on Sat.,

April 18th at 10am in the funeral home. All may meet at 9:30am. Burial will be in Edgewood Cemetery, Nashua.

# Comments

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“ My Father was a great man who served his country. He always helped me and sent the most beautiful cards just to let me know he cared. He will be greatly missed! He will always remain alive in my heart. Deborah

**Deborah Jones** - June 22, 2009 at 05:03 PM

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“ Natalie;

Skip and I spent much time together in the short time that I had the priveledge and honor to have known him. He was a great friend and will be missed by all of us who knew and appreciated his wit, humor and intelect. A true friend and a patriot.

**Frank Fisher** - April 20, 2009 at 02:15 PM

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“ Natalie and family, you are in my thoughts. I met Skip at the Elks lodge in Nashua and loved to hear his jokes and stories. He will be deeply missed by all!

**Kelly Fisher** - April 20, 2009 at 01:47 PM

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“ Natalie,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Anne, Alex, Lizzie and Vivian

**Anne Spencer** - April 18, 2009 at 09:56 PM

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“ These are some lyrics from a song I remember learning while attending Douglas Valley Grade School at the U.S. Air Force Academy, near Colorado Springs, CO.:

‘They took the Blue from the skies and a pretty girl’s eyes, and a touch of Old Glory’s hue; and gave it to the men who proudly wear the U.S. Air Force Blue!’ Nothing wrong with a bit of old-fashioned patriotism, I hope...

I salute you and bid you farewell, my Father! I was always proud of you for serving our Country and your magnificent intelligence!

Love and Respect, Ron

Ronald S. Roeder/Raider - April 18, 2009 at 09:00 AM

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“ Dear Family of the Major,

I was in the Air Force during Major Roeder's tour, and I know that it was people like this man that made me always believe in the possibilities in life, and the Christ like sacrifices that we all make for our country. Sir, Rest in Peace.

I salute you.

"Sgt."

Paul Dowling, Jr. USAF, Ret. SGT - April 17, 2009 at 08:44 PM

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“ I met Skip during the pool games at the Elks.. I was very sadden to hear of his passing. I very much enjoyed having Skip as a partener. I could tell that he was a great player. I will miss him. My sympathy goes out to his wife and family...

8Tom Felch - April 17, 2009 at 05:30 PM

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“ Dear Natalie, So sorry for your loss. Skip was a great friend to me and Walter. He was always supportive of my efforts, displaying steadfast encouragement and solid advice. We had a special kinship over fifty years (even though I still don't think he remembers me at Purdue). One of my favorite friends, Skip,s passing leaves a lardge hole in my heart. Walter and I shall never forget. You were so good for him. Deepest consolarions.

robert Wingeard - April 17, 2009 at 03:32 PM



“ Although we only knew Skip through the Elks pool league we wish to send our condolences to the family and let them know how much I enjoyed playing pool with Skip as his partner. I could always tell he was a very special person inside where it really counts. We wish the family the very best in your time og grief. Larry/Rose

Larry Tepper & Rose Morrill - April 17, 2009 at 01:10 PM

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“ 1 Corinthians 15 (King James Version)

12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

I LOVE YOU DAD!

Ron Roeder - April 17, 2009 at 12:38 PM

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“ 1 Thessalonians 4 (King James Version)

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Ron Roeder - April 17, 2009 at 12:31 PM

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“ We pray that Skip will rest in peace.

Jim & Laurel Nelson - April 17, 2009 at 10:34 AM

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“ Dear Natalie,  
We are so sorry for your loss and I feel bad that I did not get to know Skip other than to say a neighborly hello. From what I have read he must have been a wonderful person and I am sure sorely missed. If there is anything Tina or I can do at this time please ask.

Carl

Carl Andrade - April 17, 2009 at 10:18 AM

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“ Dear Dad,

You are always with me and you shall always be my HERO!

Love Always,

Your Son, Ron

**Ron Roeder** - April 17, 2009 at 02:30 AM

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“ Skip you will be missed. It has been my pleasure and privilege to know you over 30 years. We have been in and out of each others life's and have sewn a fabric of life together. You where always there for me as a mentor and true friend. The world will be a little less bright with you gone. God bless!

**Joe Foley** - April 16, 2009 at 07:57 PM