



## Martin Joseph Skinner, Sr.

January 9, 1923 - October 12, 2016

Martin Joseph Skinner, Sr. of Harriman passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at the age of 93 at Renaissance Terrace in Harriman. He was a long term member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Oak Ridge, and had served on the Vestry, as Chalice Bearer, and as a Lector. He had been active for over 30 years in the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee serving as Vice President and Secretary.

Martin obtained both his BS and MS degrees from Michigan State University. He had also attended LSU in Baton Rouge and Washington University, St. Louis. He came to Oak Ridge in mid-1944 as a member of the Army Specialized Engineering Detachment working in Y-12 servicing the electrical equipment associated with the electromagnetic separation technology. After college, he returned to Y-12 working on stable isotope separation, and later as the Patent Section head for ORNL. He retired from that position at the end of 1980, and became employed with Pitts & Brittan, a patent law firm in Knoxville. He was the co-founder of the Tennessee Inventors Association and served in many officer positions. He retired again in 1999. He was preceded in death by his parents Clyde and Frances Skinner, a sister Fran, and infant brother Curtis, and a daughter Mary.

He is survived by his devoted wife, friend and pal, Dorothy of 70 years.

Other survivors are four sons and their wives:

Bill and Annie of Gatlinburg.

Bob of Florida.

Martin, Jr. and Robbin of North Carolina.

Mike of Kingston.

Granddaughters Courtney Licata, great granddaughter Aubrey of North Carolina and Lindsay Skinner of Florida also survive Martin.

He was very active in service work in his community. He had served on the City Council of Kingston for 6 years, and had been a member of the Kingston Lions Club for over 50 years serving in all officer positions, as well as being Secretary and committee chairs of the Lions International District 12N. Martin was a holder of a U. S. Patent. For over 30 years he had been a member of the Holston Rose Society, and affiliate of the American Rose Society serving as President two terms as well as being the editor of their monthly newsletter for more than 15 years. He had two articles published in the national magazine of the ARS, and won the top award in a class of ARS publications for a booklet he edited.

There will be a reception on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 6 until 8pm at Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston. A memorial service will be conducted by the Rev. David Lovette at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Oak Ridge on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Kingston Lions Club at Box 325, Kingston, the Michael Dunn Center at 169 Gallaher Road, Kingston or to St. Stephens Episcopal Church at Tulane Avenue, Oak Ridge or to an organization of your choice. Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR KINGSTON CHAPEL  
PO Box 69, 350 W Race St  
Kingston, TN 37763  
(865) 376-6531  
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT **15.** 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephens Episcopal Church  
212 N Tulane Avenue  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

# Tribute Wall

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“*Condolences to the Skinner family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

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**Williams Family** - November 07, 2016 at 09:20 AM

DS

“*Bill and Family,*

*We are so very sorry for your loss.*

*Your father is in heaven planting roses right now.*

*Please let us know where we can send a donation in his honor to the church or the charity of his choice, in lieu of flowers that will not last.*

*Jeffery Rowland and Diane Sartori*

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**Diane Sartori** - October 14, 2016 at 03:51 PM



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“*Our condolences to the family of Mr. Skinner. He was a true inspiration to all who knew him. We will miss him coming by our office as a wonderful representative of the Lions Club.*  
*Coldwell Banker Jim Henry & Associates*

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**Coldwell Banker Jim Henry & Associates** - October 14, 2016 at 12:10 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Skinner family. Martin, as a patent agent and inventors' advocate, was a great person who will be sincerely missed.*

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**Cres Holcombe** - October 14, 2016 at 08:25 AM

TB

“ *A Good, Good Man...*

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**Troy Beets** - October 13, 2016 at 08:56 PM

LB

“ *Dear Dorothy and family,  
I extend my sincere condolences to you and your family. May God be with you and your family during this trying time. Dorothy, you will always be in my fondest memories. I am sure your husband was as nice as your are.*

*Leota Mac Trapp Bennett*

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**Leota Bennett** - October 13, 2016 at 06:07 AM

AD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Skinner family. I was in school with Marty and have many fond memories of your family. Prayers of peace and understanding for all of you. Anne Grisham Dabbs*

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**anne dabbs** - October 13, 2016 at 05:37 AM