



Paul Earl Skinner

December 11, 1962 - November 12, 2010

Paul Earl Skinner

47, of Yale, died very unexpectedly Friday, November 12, 2010, at home. He was born Tuesday, December 11, 1962, in Highland Park the son of the late Graydon and Nancy (Rei) Skinner.

His marriage to Mara Roxanne Borja was Saturday, April 12, 1986, in Sterling Heights.

Paul was employed as a pipefitter for Sterling Contractors, Shelby Township, for ten years. He was an active member of the Church of Believers and the community of Yale. His family and God were the most important things in his life. He was an avid Detroit Tigers, Lions and Red Wings fan. He also enjoyed golfing, hiking, biking, camping and was known as an excellent handyman. Surviving in addition to his wife Mara of 24 years are their four children, Jeffrey Skinner of Grand Rapids, Madelyn Skinner and fiancé Gregory Langolf of Macomb, Aaron Skinner of Marietta, GA and Tia Mitchell Skinner of Yale; brother Kenneth of Chesterfield and many friends.

His family honors the memory of Paul and invites you to visit and share memories Friday 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale, with funeral services at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Roger Wood of Yale will officiate.

Memorials are suggested "Wishes of the Family."

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“ I did not have the privilege of knowing Paul or any of the family personally, and heard about this by chance. However, I am very sorry for the tragedy you have suffered. We have recently lost our youth pastor and while it was not under the same circumstances, Paul sounds like he filled a similar kind of role in your family and community - I can only imagine what you have suffered. You all sound like wonderful people who I would be happy to meet if I ever came to the USA, and I wish you the very best.##imported-begin##Marion##imported-end##

December 16, 2012 at 01:00 AM



“ My condolences go out to the family. I was a classmate of Paul at Henry Ford II Sr. HS.##imported-begin##J.J. Gingrich##imported-end##

November 22, 2010 at 01:30 PM



“ Mara,
It was so good to see you on Friday. Your children are so beautiful and you looked so good. There were so many people at Paul's funeral - he had touched so many people with his kindness. And so many people care about you too and your family. I hope every day you feel a little better in mind, body and spirit. Your smile and strength is truly Godly.
I hope to see you soon Mara. Love Sharon Sheretko
Kelly##imported-begin##Sharon Sheretko Kelly##imported-end##

November 21, 2010 at 07:45 PM



“ Mara, There are no words to express how to feel at this time...May God give you and your family strength to move forward. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Patty Peltier##imported-end##

November 21, 2010 at 01:03 PM



“ We are unknown to you, but feel we wish to console you. We have lived through much the same. I had a brother shot deer hunting and left to bleed to death, the person who shot him told him he would go for help and never did. He lived an hour and a half and bleed to death. These things you never forget. They never found the person who did it. At least you did and they will be deservingly punished. Just take care and heal well. we are so very sorry. Just remember your husband fought to save you and will forever be your guardian angel watching over you. God will always be with you. Lewis and Vera Lindsay##imported-begin##Lewis and vera Lindsay##imported-end##

November 21, 2010 at 11:05 AM



“ Mara and Paul always had a house full of people. One hot summer day there was a large gathering for Aaron's baptism. It was getting late in the day and Paul finally took a few minutes to sit down, Aaron in his arms. When Jeffrey saw his dad sitting, he climbed into his lap. As soon as Madeline saw her father holding her brothers, she too climbed into Paul's lap. (She had just finished giving herself a manicure using a pretzel stick and chip dip.) I commented to Paul that his lap was pretty full. "Naw", he said, "there's always room for more". I think that was the essence of Paul. There was always room for more, whether it was a child climbing into his lap, an unexpected guest at dinnertime, or someone needing his help with a water heater or construction project. There was always more that Paul was willing to give. In his quiet, unassuming way, Paul enriched more lives than he could ever imagine. Mara, Jeffrey, Madeline, and Aaron, our thoughts and love are with you. Cesar and Debra Puente

November 20, 2010 at 04:16 PM



“ Mara & family, we are so very sorry for your loss. We are so saddened for you and your family and are earnestly praying for each of you. May the Lord bless you and keep your family strong. Pat, Connie, Ashley, & Derik Hayes

November 20, 2010 at 02:26 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. We graduated with Paul and he was a very kind man. My the Lord give you strenght. Dean and Deborah Yoho

November 20, 2010 at 09:56 AM



“ It will be the little things that you will remember, the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter. And although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again. With Deepest Sympathy The dotson's family##imported-begin##Nicole Dotson-Huber##imported-end##

November 20, 2010 at 09:30 AM



“ Mara and family, Our hearts go out to you. Paul was such a nice man. I remember all the times Paul and your brothers were out in front of your dad's house playing with the kids and the days of our girls going to dance class. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Paul and Pam Antior##imported-end##

November 19, 2010 at 09:57 PM



“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.##imported-begin##The Schieweck Family##imported-end##

November 19, 2010 at 09:49 PM



“ My family and I are very sorry for your loss.I cannot begin to imagine what you and your family are going through.Paul sounded like a wonderful individual we wish we had the honors in knowing him.Nobody should ever have to go through that type of pain. Mara keep healing and getting better god will help you along the way.We just want to say you and your family will be forever in our hearts!God bless on the journey ahead. With deepest sympathy,Connie and family###imported-begin###connie johnson###imported-end##

November 19, 2010 at 09:32 PM



“ We are deeply saddened by Paul's death and pray that Mara will recover completely from her injuries and hope her faith will help her through this difficult time.
We pray for the whole Skinner family, and hope that they find strength and peace to go through the coming months.###imported-begin###Kyle Pritchard and family###imported-end##

November 19, 2010 at 08:49 PM



“ Mara you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Monica Winchester###imported-end##

November 19, 2010 at 01:59 PM



“ Your family has and will be in our prayers through this time of loss. I want to encourage you to keep seeking God, accept the Holy Spirit's counsel, and realize that we all are here to support you. One song that continues to be on my heart is below:

*When the valley is deep
When the mountain is steep
When the body is weary
When we stumble and fall*

*When the choices are hard
When we're battered and scarred
When we've spent our resources
When we've given our all*

Chorus:

*In Jesus' name, we press on
In Jesus' name, we press on
Dear Lord, with the prize
Clear before our eyes
We find the strength to press on*

*In Jesus' name, we press on
In Jesus' name, we press on
Dear Lord, with the prize
Clear before our eyes
We find the strength to press on
To press on*

*May God bless you and your family!##imported-begin##Brad
Dykstra##imported-end##*

November 19, 2010 at 11:21 AM



“ My empathetic prayers go out to your whole family. Such a tragedy is felt by all who knew you, Mara. God really strengthened and healed you quickly. So you will have your wonderful strength of character and strong, but accepting heart, to get through today, your husband's funeral. May He strengthen you for the many tough days to come.

***My daughter, Lynn, would like to send her heartfelt empathy to your family; especially Jeff, whom she remembers with good memories of Yale High School days.##imported-begin##Daryl Sexton & Lynn Sexton##imported-end##*

November 19, 2010 at 11:07 AM



“ God Bless both the Skinner and Borja families for the loss of Paul and injuries Mara has occurred in the recent senseless attack. God be with you all!

*Clifford Wierszewski
(Father of Jacob & Kyle Wierszewski)##imported-begin##Clifford Wierszewski##imported-end##*

November 19, 2010 at 11:00 AM



“ *Mara and family:
We want you to know that we are holding each of you close in thought and prayers today and beyond during these difficult days. We remember your love and fellowship when my sister was ill.*

In Christian love,

Curly and Joyce Werth and members of First Baptist Stewartville, MN.##imported-begin##Pastor Curly and Joyce Werth##imported-end##

November 19, 2010 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mara and family, Please know that you all have been in my thoughts and prayers. I know you all have the strength to get through this....and most of all to you Aaron, you practically lived at my house as David and you were growing up. Stay strong Aaron, myself and the whole Yale community will be here for all of you whenever you need us.##imported-begin##Bob Peters##imported-end##*

November 19, 2010 at 09:43 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Terri Quinn##imported-end##*

November 19, 2010 at 09:36 AM



“ Mara & family.....You are in our thoughts & prayers. May you find strength & love with God and from the beautiful community of Yale.

Bob & Cindy Bartkowiak

Matt & Dakota Busch###imported-begin##Cindy Busch
Bartkowiak###imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 09:11 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathies and condolences to Mara and her family. I am so sorry. God bless every member in the Skinner and Borja families.###imported-begin##Sharon Sheretko Kelly###imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 09:06 PM



“ My heart goes out to the Skinner Family and I pray will bestow upon you all the peace passes all understanding now and in the future. God Bless.###imported-begin##A Sympathic Individual###imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 07:30 PM



“ We are all just heartbroken over this tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers continue for you & your children Mara! Take care & keep the faith.###imported-begin##Todd, Kelly, Olivia, Nathan & Emily Kaatz###imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 07:17 PM



“ I graduated with Paul at Henry Ford II High and just wanted to pass along my condolences and to say how sorry me and my entire family are regarding this tragedy.##imported-begin##Hank Kurz##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 07:15 PM



“ Our hearts cannot express the pain we feel for you all in this very difficult time. I pray that God will hold you all and give you much comfort and strength.##imported-begin##Laurie Wright & Danielle, Sean, Natalie, Kayla and Kourtney##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 06:47 PM



“ I went to high school with Paul and I just wanted to let his family know that they are in my prayers. Jeff recently started working at Butterworth ER and we want him to know how sorry we are. If there's anything we can do for you let us know.##imported-begin##jackie beachnau##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 06:25 PM



“ Paul would visit our gym while working in Findlay. He was a quiet guy but would open up when spoken to. He mentioned numerous times he should get a membership with us and use a day pass at his home gym because he was in Findlay more than he was at home. We are deeply saddened by this tragedy and will continue to keep this family in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##the Gym by Jamie...Patrick & Jamie Marshall##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 05:38 PM



“ Paul and I were good friends from Elementary through High School. All of what has been posted is how I remember Paul, physically strong in sports but with a easy going temperment and a kind heart. Ironic that something this horrific and senseless has made possible the outpouring of appreciation for Paul, expressing what a terrific man he was. The Zerilli Family wishes all the best for Mara & Paul's family during this trying time.##imported-begin##John Zerilli##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 01:42 PM



“ All my prayers are with you and your family. Friend from Henry Ford II H.S. 1982 class.##imported-begin##Juanita (Gardner)Turner##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 12:24 PM



“ My prayers go out to the family and friends of Paul and Mara. I graduated with Paul and remember what a sweet guy he was. This is such a senseless and tragic loss. Rest in peace Paul. God Bless your family and friends.

Betty Thomas Buckland

##imported-begin##Betty Thomas Buckland##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 11:55 AM



“ I know by the sheer number of people grieving your lost life that you were a gift to the people around you. I will always Love you Brother and miss you.##imported-begin##Kurt Kocur (Hough)##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 10:39 AM



“ I graduated with Paul from HFII and am so sorry to hear of this tragedy. It was uplifting to read in the obituary that Paul was active in his church, to know that he will find rest in his Heavenly Father's arms. My prayers that your family will receive strength and comfort from our Lord in the difficult days ahead.##imported-begin##Gwynne Doemer Bambach##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 09:54 AM



“ To the entire Skinner Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Remembering Paul from HS he was a great friend and classmate. My sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Denise (Stevenson) Devine##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 09:36 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time!##imported-begin##Besko Family##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 07:56 AM



“ My prayers go out to the family and friends of Paul and Mara. I graduated with Paul and remember his smile. He was always a happy guy. God bless you Skinner family.##imported-begin##Jeanine McConnell-Mulka##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 06:53 AM



“ My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Mara and the rest of the Skinner family. Even though we have never met, I did grow up in Yale and am affected by this. May God give you an abundance of strength and peace through this difficult time and in the days to come.##imported-begin##Ruth Keith##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 12:42 AM



“ Wishing I could be there personally... so very very unreal and tragic. My thoughts are with you all. Much love, Pauline##imported-begin##Pauline Flanigan##imported-end##

November 18, 2010 at 12:33 AM



“ I knew Paul in my Junior High (Sterling Junior High) and the High school years back in the 70's and 80's. We graduated together at Henry Ford II. Paul was I great guy with a tragic ending. The Black Family prayers go out to Paul and his family.

Larry Black##imported-begin##Larry Black##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 10:52 PM



“ Paul you will be missed.##imported-begin##Arthur Lenz##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 10:39 PM



“ How sad to hear of another tragic story. I remember Paul as a gentle human being and would not harm a fly. Such a sad story for a lovely person. Rest In Peace.
Love, Tammie (Baffo) Campau.##imported-begin##Tammie (Baffo) Campau##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 09:16 PM



“ Sorry to hear of another classmate passing away. Prayers to the family.##imported-begin##Robin (Seckel) Zieger ##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 09:04 PM



“ I not know the family, but I just want to send my deepest sympathies on to those that knew Paul. I can not imagine the grief and pain you are all feeling. I pray that Mara, along with the rest of family will have all of Gods strength with them to get through this difficult, unimaginable time. Just such a tragedy, it breaks my heart to even think about. May God bless you!##imported-begin##Lee Ann Ferguson##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 07:38 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We didn't know Paul personally, but living in Yale and with it being a small town, we have seen him around and would say "hi" when passing by, even though we didn't know each other. He seemed very friendly and we wish we could have gotten to know him. May he rest in peace and may God be with your entire family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Anthony & Tracy Cachola##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 06:39 PM



“ Mara you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jerry, Sonya, Tyler, Darren Davis##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 06:26 PM



“ Mara and Family, My heart breaks for all of you. Paul was a great guy and a good friend. We grew up together and have been with you two when you were dating as well as when you got married. Though we live far apart you have and always be held as dear friends. Praying for all of you in this difficult time. Praying god wraps his arms around you and gives you comfort. Paul is in a better place and is watching down on you all. Praying for a quick recovery for Mara. Sending my love.##imported-begin##Sue Knapik##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 04:55 PM



“ *Mara and Family, So very sorry. I earnestly pray that God will give you comfort and hold you during this very difficult time. Know, and let it be comfort that you are so unbelievably loved in Yale. Mara, One of the most generous, giving people I know and call friend and had the honor to teach with. I would not be happier if I was blessed to continue to be part of your life.##imported-begin##Janie Graves Alcock##imported-end##*

November 17, 2010 at 03:44 PM



“ *Paul will forever be our Cinderella. We are thinking and praying for everyone. We will always remember the great camping trips we shared. We love you Mara more than our words can say. Our love to the kids too.##imported-begin##Jennifer, Tori and Alexito##imported-end##*

November 17, 2010 at 02:26 PM



“ *My Mother (Mary Rei),my brother (Mark Rei), and I wish to express our deep sympathy to Mara and her children in this very difficult time. We are very saddened by this terrible loss and we wish Mara a speedy recovery. Paul will be missed by all his family and friends.##imported-begin##Pam (Rei) Ward##imported-end##*

November 17, 2010 at 01:45 PM



“ Though we never met any of the Skinner family, you are in our hearts and prayers. Living in a small town we are all family...and we are all praying for the entire Skinner family. I am sure Paul is with the angels and looking down and in peace to know his family is well loved and going to be taken care of.##imported-begin##Jefery and Sandra and Jacob Kant##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 01:16 PM



“ I am holding all of you in my heart. We love you Mara and kids and family. I want to go over and have a cup of coffee with my precious friend. This hurts so much it makes me physically ill. What can we do to help? Love Us##imported-begin##Judy LaGore##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 12:24 PM



“ Mara, I wanted you to know your whole family are my thoughts and prayers at such a difficult time.##imported-begin##Louanne Warner##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 11:06 AM



“ Words just don't seem to be enough to console the broken hearts and sadness of the Skinner and Borja families. Paul was such a wonderful man. An amazing husband to Mara and a gentle and loving father to his children. There are no better memories than the days of camping, summer pool parties and holidays. Remembering how much fun we all had together. I don't think I have met a man more selfless and generous than Paul. My love to the family and you all will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Cindie Szarek##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 10:58 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Skinner family.##imported-begin##Rob and Melanie Majcher##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Paul, but it sounds like I missed out on knowing a great man. I only had the opportunity to meet Mara once during the school open house. My heartfelt sympathy is with the family at this difficult time. May Paul rest in peace with the angels and may Mara have a speedy recovery. God Bless this family.##imported-begin##Sharon Lookabaugh##imported-end##

November 17, 2010 at 07:51 AM



“ Mara, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Lisa Barr##imported-end##

November 16, 2010 at 08:17 PM