



## Richard Morse Skelley

November 2, 1931 - April 30, 2016

Richard Morse Skelley, 84, of Urbana, passed away on April 30, 2016. Born on November 2, 1931 in Lynn, Massachusetts to Robert and Roberta Skelley, he graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine. He joined the Navy and was a Lieutenant JG where he loved his time aboard The Roosevelt, a Navy aircraft carrier, as a pilot. He later moved to Columbus, Ohio where he worked as a salesman for Plunkett Webster Lumber Company. A move to Urbana was prompted by the purchase of The Murphy Lumber Company, which is now Skelley Lumber.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; children Leah (Jeff) Sadler, Ric (Pam) Skelley, and Dina (Peter) Luther; and grandchildren Justin, Eric, Madison, Pete, Lauren, Grant and Emily.

His wish was to have his body donated to The Ohio State University School of Medicine to further medical research. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

A special thank you to Susan Chamberlin who has been a blessing to the Skelley Family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Champaign Aviation Museum, 1652 North Main Street, Urbana, OH 43078 ([www.champaignaviationmuseum.org](http://www.champaignaviationmuseum.org)).

The family is being served by Walter & Stowe Funeral Home, Urbana. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.walterfunerals.com](http://www.walterfunerals.com).



# Tribute Wall

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“ Leah and family,

*Thinking of you so much since Mom told me about your dad's passing. So many great memories of your family - I'll always think of both our dads across the street from each other on Miami Street. None of that is there any more, but in all of our memories they are there always. Sending good thoughts your way, my friend. Love,  
Amy (Johnson) Beck*

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**Amy Beck** - May 09, 2016 at 01:36 PM

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“ My dear friends,

*The Johnson Family shares your deep sorrow in the passing of Richard Skelley. There was never a better personal or professional friend. It has been a privilege to have shared both difficult and joyous times with him and your dear family.  
With affection and admiration,  
Amy, Bill and Sally Johnson*

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**Sally Johnson** - May 04, 2016 at 09:07 AM

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“ Ellen, Leah, Rick and Dina,

*I am so saddened to hear this news! You are all in my thoughts and prayers! I sure do miss the old days of being neighbors on Bon Air! My parents send their condolences too.*

*Jeannie Hicks (Sabin)*

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**Jeannie Hicks (Sabin)** - May 03, 2016 at 12:30 PM

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“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. I looked forward to seeing him every Thursday evening at Skelley's. He will be greatly missed by us & by many. I will keep you All in my thoughts & prayers.*

*Tiffany Harvel  
(Busy Bees)*



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**Tiffany Harvel** - May 03, 2016 at 07:05 AM

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“ *Ellen and family,  
Sorry for your loss.  
Cyn Tehan Marsh*

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**Cyn Tehan Marsh** - May 02, 2016 at 11:40 AM