



## Robert "Skip" R Wilke

June 21, 1938 - December 31, 2017

Age 79 of St. Paul, died on December 31, 2017. Preceded in death by parents, Wesley "Tad" and Helen; infant sister, Weslyn. Survived by brother, John (Jan) of Little Canada, MN; niece, Jenny (Scott) Hagberg and their children, Jacob and Annika of Maplewood, MN; niece, Julie (J.P.) Newman and their children, Wesley and Eli of Ashland, OR; nephew, David (Amanda) Wilke and their children, Lila and Sophia of Menomonee Falls, WI. Skip was a strong supporter of the YMCA for many decades and was dedicated to furthering its mission. He was especially passionate about YMCA camping and Youth in Government programs. Memorial service at 11am on Saturday, January 20 (with visitation 1 hour prior) at HAMLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH; 1415 Englewood Ave., St. Paul. Private interment at Sunset Memorial Park. Memorials preferred to the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities Endowment Fund.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Skip was a terrific gentleman who we always enjoyed talking to and listen to him talk about Menogyn. We copied his fashion style of business attire and hiking boots. He was true North and all camping. Skol, Skip!

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**Phil Gilbert** - January 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family of Skip Wilke, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Skip. He remains a true blessing and example of Christ's love in action. His life is a legacy of love and support for youth and Volunteer development. His Spirit of Love remains in us. He is a good and faithful servant of the Lord. We trust in the Lord and ask Him to grant Skip and the family everlasting peace and comfort. God bless Skip. I am thankful to have Skip as my dear friend. Mary Tikalsky, YMCA of the USA

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**Mary Tikalsky** - January 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I have the fondest memories of Skip. He was such a kind, courageous and funny man. He displayed great leadership and had a real gift for engaging with teenagers - showing them how wonderful and powerful an interaction with the outdoors could be. Menogyn was the right experience at the right time for me and I was so fortunate to have Skip leading Menogyn during my time as a camper. Thank you and rest in peace.

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**Ed Wilder** - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was with great pain that we learnt of the passing of a friend and brother of the Ghana YMCA, Skip. He was for the past 12 years a great supporter of the Ghana YMCA and together with other brothers and sisters like Peter Rodosovich and late Barbara Jones, visited us around this time of the year in January. Skip was very found of figures and will always give very insightful contributions when the finances of our organization was presented as part of the restructuring of Ghana YMCA through the Global Operating Plan. He additional took it upon himself to document memories of the visits to the different YMCA sites in Ghana by taking excellent pictures whenever he was around. My last face to face encounter with Skip was in June 2014 in Denver, Colorado and as usual he was keen to know about the YMCA in Ghana since he had not visited us that year. We used the opportunity to share beyond the YMCA work and chat about one of our common passions, TRUCKS. MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD KEEP OUR BROTHER SKIP AND MAY HE REST IN PEACE

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**Kwabena Nketia Addae** - January 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Skip, I will miss working with you at our Y's Garage Sales and Meetings. What a pleasure associating with such a unique individual who obviously loved participating as and being an active member of our group's desire to serve and help those who's needs are greater than our own.

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**Diane Kohanek** - January 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was an honor to work for Skip at Camp Menogyn and to enjoy his friendship and wisdom over the many following years. He always had his eye on how to do good for the world: generous, courageous, and hopeful.

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**FRANK SCHWEIGERT** - January 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you for you years of service to the YMCA. You had a big impact on many lives. RIP my dear friend.

Terry E Horak - January 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Skip's cheerful and inquisitive nature is something I will always remember. The positive impact on YMCA camping from his tireless efforts is something youth will experience for generations to come.

Jamie Gardner - January 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Skip will be long remembered by all of his camping families. We worked together on staff during his first year at Menogyn and kept contact through many years at DuNord. His passion for camping and the outdoors was infectious and his insights and energy will be greatly missed.

Jack and Vicki Griffin - January 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Skip lives on in our memories and deeds. He would expect no less. No problem! No tears, just work to be done!

Charlie Corcoran - January 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM