



# Clarence "Skip" Russell

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Clarence W. (Skip) Russell, 66, of Fort Myers, FL passed away peacefully on November 26th at Joann's House in Bonita Springs, FL. Skip was a longtime fan and advocate of Little League Baseball in San Carlos Park. He co-founded San Carlos Little League in 1986, where he coached for many years. Spending time at the field with friends and family, teaching kids not only baseball, but how to be a good person as well, is what he enjoyed most. Skip was an Electrical Contractor his entire life, first in Fort Lauderdale then in Fort Myers, until retiring in 2007. Skip was preceded in death by his daughter, Amy Russell in 2011 and a sister, Sylvia Vallone. He is survived by his wife Patti, and his son Jeff (Carissa). The light of his life are his 3 grandchildren, Kileigh Russell, Kaeden Russell and Jakob Frenz. He is also survived by two sisters, Vicki Cates of Kansas City MO, and Patty Pagan (Melvin) of Owensboro KY, as well as many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be 5pm – 7pm Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home 1589 Colonial Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33907. Funeral Ceremony will be 4pm Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Skip's honor are suggested to San Carlos Little League, PO Box 990 Estero, FL 33967. Online condolences and memories may be shared on his tribute page at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com)



## Tribute Wall

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JW

**Jim Wilkison** posted:

I first met Skip, Patty, and Jeff when we first entered San Carlos LL with our oldest Jason in, what I believe, was the second year of the league. I shared a lot of LL events and games with Skip, as he managed Jason for a year and was always around working on a multitude of other things. I always looked up to him for his calm leadership and expertise. He always had the kids at heart and there was no better manager and coach. It was sad to hear about his passing and my prayers go out to Jeff and the rest of his family.

January 13 at 8:44 AM

MS

**Mary Shimko** posted:

I remember his, and Patti's, dedication to building the concession stand for our 1st ballfield. He absolutely loved all the kids and wanted to do everything he could for all of them! A funny thing I remember about Skip was the time we were at a ballgame, I think it was for Allstars. Skip was always very calm as a manager except for this one time someone really made him mad. He was warned that if he said something, he would have to leave the game. Well, he said something, got kicked out and everyone was so proud of him, and many of us were laughing because of him going ahead and going against the grain.. He was, always, all about the principles...and those kids! So many great times we all will keep in our hearts because of Skip. We will treasure those memories forever. We are so sorry for your loss. A tremendous loss Skip is! Bob and Mary Shimko and family. XOXO

November 29 at 7:44 AM

AU

**Audreytuller** posted:

I remember going over to Skip and Patti's house for my first ever hog roast. Skip and Patti's dad were up all night tending to this thing and everyone brought a covered dish. What a fun time with good friends and good food. He thought of everything including several outside porta potties. He explained his knowledge of the hog process while being the perfect host. He had the biggest heart and gave to everyone at anytime and whenever he was needed. His smile would light up a room. He had no enemies and lot's of friends and loved ones.He left a legacy that no one would ever come close to and everything came from his heart. He will be missed by everyone. Rest in peace handsome.

November 28 at 3:28 PM



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CR

**Carissa Russell** posted:

Skip was my father "in law" by marriage, but he was so much more than that. After my own dad passed away, he became a father to me. He never thought of me as a daughter "in law" but as his daughter. He was a very special part of my life and my kids adored their Papa. Everything he did was to make our lives better, and he accomplished that. Daddy, Kileigh, Kaeden and I will miss him tremendously, but we know he is now in Heaven with Amy and Grumpy and they are all watching over us. Love you forever Papa!

November 28 at 3:23 PM

BN

**Brad Nash** posted:

I remember many great moments with Skip and Patti. One time Patti came to work straight from San Carlos Little League at 8:00 am in the morning. She said they stayed there all night building the new concession building. I think that happened more than a few times. I know they had the first San Carlos Little League meeting in their living room and many more after that. Skip really did always look at everything from what was best for the kids and the growth of the league. They totally hooked me into enjoying being part of the league. Thanks for your friendship and look forward to seeing you in Heaven along with Amy.

November 28 at 2:49 PM

SR

**Susan & Rusty** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Clarence "Skip" Russell

November 28 at 2:02 PM

TF

**The Soska Family** posted:

Jeff, Carissa and Family, We are so sorry to hear about your dad. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. I am glad that I had the honor of meeting him. Praying God's peace and love as you mourn. Bob, MaryJo & Joe Soska

November 28 at 1:15 PM



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**Carissa Russell** posted:

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November 28 at 12:32 PM



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