

A Life Remembered...



Stanley "Skip" Robert Petts, 66, of Des Moines, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on February 22, 2014, at Kavanagh Hospice House in Des Moines. Skip was born on August 25, 1947 in Niagara Falls, NY, to George and Margaret (Laughlin) Petts. He moved to Storm Lake, Iowa, to attend college at Buena Vista University where he met the love of his life, DeAnne Brower. They were married on June 5, 1971. Skip attended seminary at the University of Dubuque where he received his Master's of Theology. He was a dedicated pastor in

various Iowa congregations for 15 years before he and his family moved to Des Moines 25 years ago. He became a gifted educator for a number of non-profit organizations committed to improving the lives of the less fortunate. Throughout his life, Skip was devoted to making a difference in his community and church. He served as President of the Iowa Home Ownership Education Project, and was a member of the board of directors of Home Connection, as well as the Hansen House. At Westminster Presbyterian Church he served as an Elder, the Senior High Youth Group Leader, Sunday School Teacher, and on numerous committees. Skip enjoyed boating, Scottish dancing, swimming, playing the guitar, and most of all, spending time with his grandchildren.

Skip is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife of nearly 43 years, DeAnne Brower Petts of Urbandale; daughter, Heather (Ryan) Hanser of West Des Moines; daughter, Abigail (John) Griswell of Austin, TX; son, Adam (Jennifer) Petts of Iowa City; son, David (Jamie) Petts of Corvallis, OR; one sister, Jane Ciarfella of Des Moines; eight grandchildren, Parker, Amos, and Ezra Hanser of West Des Moines; Amelia and Logan Griswell of Austin, TX; Muir and Harper Petts of Iowa City; and Annika Petts of Corvallis, OR. Skip was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, John Petts.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Westminster Senior High Mission Trip Fund at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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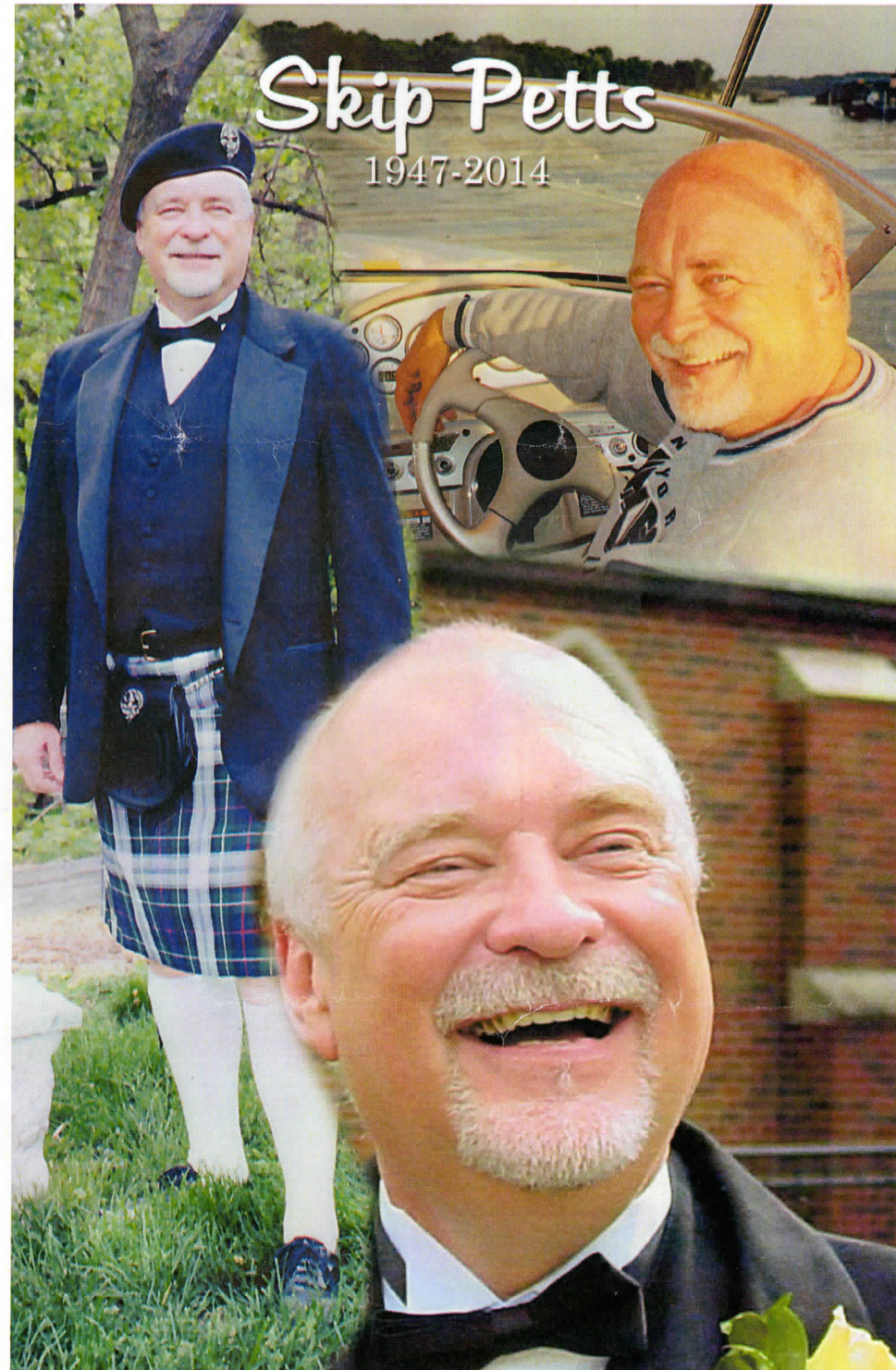



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Parting Blessing

*May the roads rise up to meet you,
May the winds be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the
hollow of his hand.*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Stanley "Skip" Petts

August 25, 1947 ~ February 22, 2014

A CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Westminster Presbyterian Church ~ Des Moines, Iowa

OFFICIATING

The Reverend Dr. Scott Paczkowski

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Beverly Duffy, Organist
Processional "Loch Lomond" Jen Horak-Hult & Eric Horak-Hult
Video Reflection
Call to Worship
*Hymn #304 "Jesus Loves Me"
Opening Prayer/The Lord's Prayer
Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 13 Heather Hanser
A Time for Reflection Heather Hanser
Scripture Lessons Matthew 18:1-4; 19:13-15; 2 Timothy 4:6-8
Sermon "The Time of My Departure Has Come" Scott Paczkowski
A Time of Remembrance and Prayer
Special Music "A Parting Blessing" Westminster Chorale
Closing Prayer
*Hymn #339 "Be Thou My Vision"
Benediction
Postlude

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Adam Petts David Petts John Griswell Ryan Hanser

Please join the family downstairs in Westminster Hall
for a luncheon immediately following the service.