



Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry

March 28, 1950 - November 14, 2022

Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry, age 72, a longtime resident of Granite, Oklahoma, passed away Monday evening, November 14, 2022, at his home in Granite.

Skip was born March 28, 1950, in Wilburton, Oklahoma, the second of four children to Jack and Mary Newberry. He grew up in Wilburton and attended school there until the family moved to Blair, Oklahoma in 1956. He continued his education in Blair and graduated from Blair High School in 1968. Following graduation he moved back to Wilburton where he went to work for Latimer County. In 1974 he was hired by Granite Public Schools as custodian and bus driver and has been employed with them for the past 48 years until his death. Skip was known as a "jack of all trades" around the school and could do just about anything that he was called upon to do including substitute teaching and helping with music programs. He was an accomplished musician and started his own band while in high school. He was known around southwest Oklahoma for his musical abilities. He taught guitar lessons for many years to young people around the Granite area. He was a mason and was baptized at a young age at the First Baptist Church in Blair.

On February 2, 1990, Skip married Velma Hines, and they have made their home in Granite together for the past 32 years.

Skip is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Gayle Young, and son Dustin. He is survived by wife Velma; a daughter Haley Jordan Newberry, Granite; sister Marilyn Mclaughlin and husband Gary, Blair; brother Larry and

wife Beverly, Blair; brother-in-law Mike Young, Vacaville, California; step-daughter Gina Ward, Granite; step-son Richard Hines and wife Brook, Granite; step-son Bobby Carter and wife Connie, Pratt, Kansas; step-son T.J. Gray and wife Melissa, Buffalo Valley, OK; step-son Patrick McBee and wife Jodie of Georgia; 12 step grandchildren; 9 step great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

Services are scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. in the auditorium of Granite Public School. Rodney Calhoun and Whitney Christian, both of Granite, will officiate. Interment will follow at the Granite City Cemetery.

Public viewing will begin Thursday, November 17, 2022, from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home located at 1400 W. Main, Lone Wolf, OK. (580)-846-9018.

Online condolences for Skip can be made by visiting www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry*

October 08, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *Denise Briscoe lit a candle in memory of Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry*



Denise Briscoe - September 05, 2023 at 12:22 PM



Velma, may God help you through your time of sorrow. I'm so very sorry for your loss

Denise Briscoe - September 05, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Jimmy Watkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry*



jimmy watkins - November 20, 2022 at 03:14 PM

JW

in this world I have learned what one of a kind is, that was skip a great friend and a great listener, I'll never forget the night they played music in Blair it was a great night,,!everybody was there. Years later skip & I sat up one night, God was the subject, and people we new. We both learned one thing, good music can help heal our souls that was his last words I heard. Enjoy heaven, see you when it's over, to his family you are in my prayers, may peace, and good memories always be with you, keep Gods love first the rest will follow always.

jimmy watkins - November 20, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry.*



November 17, 2022 at 05:02 PM

RS

“Damn you Skip,, You never told me your middle name was Mayo, but I don't ever remember me telling you, Mayo was my middle name also. I've known you since I was 12 or 13 years old and you, Dennis, Bubby, and Bryce were playing at Teen Town above City Hall here in Granite. And oh what fun, what a thrill it was when you took an interest in a handful of us youngsters and shared with us the world of playing music. Man we thought you were the most "hip, way gone cat" to hit town and couldn't wait for that last bell to ring at school so we could go jam with Skip. I wished I would have counted how many bands I played in with you. I'll never forget the time Marie called you from Hobart in a tizzy because a band cancelled on her at the last minute and here it was Saturday night, a couple of hours before someone, some band, needed to start playing for the folks at the bar. Good ole Skip tells Marie,, "yeah, I'll get my guys and we'll be over directly,, I'm sorry what was that Marie? The name of our band? it's Free Beer" Skip told her. So we rolled up in the parking lot and it was jam packed with cars and it was kind of early yet and Imma thinkin,, wow,, good crowd ,, cool !! Skip had already went inside and Marie was ripping him up one side and down the other. Seems that on Marie's big ole yellow flashing sign out front it read; "LIVE MUSIC" "FREE BEER" Poor ole Marie was wore out from arguing with all these people about not getting free beer,, that was the band's name she explained over and over. And yep,, that big crowd dwindled down to the same ole 12 or so folks that was always there cheering and rooting for "FREE BEER" That my friends really happened and I believe that was the only time we used the name, "Free Beer".

I don't have the words Velma, to express my sorrow. My heart and thoughts are with and for you and those you love. I am reminded quite often to not be sad,, instead be thankful and happy to have had that person in my life. Skip had such a positive effect and touched the hearts of so many young students and friends. Skip, even though we didn't see each other and visit like we used to, you were always a great friend and someone I looked up to. I love ya and will always miss you. You were indeed, a treasure.

Randall Mayo Spears

Randall Spears - November 17, 2022 at 04:22 PM

JC

“ *Skip was one of a kind. I spent 5 years at Granite Schools and he was such an asset for the school. Anything that needed to be done, he could do it. He sang "Happy Trails to you" when I left Granite. I will never forget the kindness that he showed to me. Janice Crume*

Janice Crume - November 17, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry.*



November 17, 2022 at 01:23 PM

AL

“ *Alisha lit a candle in memory of Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry*



Alisha - November 17, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry.*



November 17, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry.*



November 16, 2022 at 10:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Skip" Mayo Newberry.*



November 16, 2022 at 11:33 AM