

BABBS SKINNER OBITUARY

Hello,

My name is Kimmie Skinner Yormick.

Babbs was my mother.

Mary Kay Birmingham asked me to send this to you in hope that it could be included in the Kiwi Newsletter.

Thank you in advance,
Kimmie

Barbara Florence “Babbs” (Schulte) Skinner passed away September 24, 2023. Babbs passed comfortably in the presence of her 3 children.

Babbs was the quintessential 60’s California girl through and through. Born in Los Angeles to Walter & Barbara Schulte (Leck), she spent the majority of her 1st 3 decades as an animated, ambitious, & gregarious surfer girl.

Upon graduating from L.A.’s University High School, Babsie left the West Coast for the high altitude of Denver, where she attended Colorado Women’s College. Upon returning to Southern California, Babbs pursued a vocation that would combine her two favorite pastimes, conversing with people & travel. She embarked on a high flying career as a Stewardess for American Airlines, where she was able to use her charm & graciousness to personify American Airlines long-standing slogan: “Something Special in the Air.”

Due to a chance meeting on a Santa Monica beach between her mother & a Naval Officer on leave, she was introduced to the man who would become her husband of 58 years, Steve Skinner. During the “Vietnam Conflict”, Steve was stationed in Tokyo on the naval destroyer, U.S. Osbourne, and Babbs was able use her American Airlines affiliation to travel across the Pacific to see him as often as she could.

After Steve was honorably discharged from the Navy, the two returned to Southern California to be married and begin a family. Within a 5-year period, they grew from a couple to a family of 5, with the birth of their son Kevin, and 2 daughters Kimmie & Krissy.

Over the years, Steve’s career in television news flourished & led to numerous promotions, causing the young family to be consistently uprooted, moving coast-to-coast. At times, seemingly on a yearly basis, they resided in various locations such as Los Angeles, Philadelphia, New York, San Francisco, and Northern Virginia. Babbs was the anchor throughout, balancing the abundant duties that come with being left home for long absences with 3 kids: mom, cook, chauffeur, operator, disciplinarian, counselor, confidant, as well as den mother to the neighborhood. She took on every role with the same enthusiastic zeal that made her immensely popular among those who knew her. She was active & involved in every activity of her children: Cub & Girl’s Scouts, athletics, school plays & dances. Babbs was always present. Steve often hailed her as the stabilizing savior of their family, paying tribute at every chance for being the solid foundation of his & their children lives. Upon finally realizing his dream of owning his own boat, Steve christened his 36 foot vessel the “Babsea” in her honor.

During challenging times with Steve's profession and travel, Babbs found solace at the Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes, overlooking her beloved Pacific Ocean. Babbs was also involved in numerous philanthropic endeavors, lending her boundless energy to numerous charity organizations. Among her favorite were Southern California-based Las Candalistas & Sandpipers. While able she was active within the retired American Airlines flight attendant sorority, The Kiwis. She loved their biennial conventions and her costumes are legendary. Babbs always sought to assist and help others selflessly. Almost to a fault.

As their children departed the nest, Babbs & Steve spent much of their senior years along the West Coast, shuttling between a pair of homes in Palos Verdes, California & Oak Harbor, Washington. In 2018, they relocated to South Florida to spend their last few years, first, in Hollywood, and then finally, South Beach Miami.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve Skinner in 2022. She is survived by children Kevin (Kathryn) Skinner, Kimmie (David) Yormick, and Krissy Skinner, along with 4 grandchildren, Cerri, Crystal, & Concetta Yormick & Heath Skinner, and her beloved younger brother, Chip (Sarah) as well as six nephews and nieces. She was 82 years old.

A service for both Babbs and Steve is anticipated during the Spring/Summer of 2024. More details will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family request a possible donation to any of the following:

[The Neighborhood Church Flower Guild, In memory of Babbs Skinner.](#)

415 Paseo del Mar
Palos Verdes Estate, CA 90273

[Las Candalistas, In memory of Babbs Skinner.](#)

Lucy Hueber
Las Candalistas Treasurer
1406 Via Coronel
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274.

[Sandpipers, "Milestone for Babbs Skinner"](#)

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Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

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