



## Warren Leo Meerdink

June 30, 1933 - December 25, 2025

Warren "Skip" Leo Meerdink - Longwood, FL, peacefully went home on 25 December 2025 from the comfort of his own home. Celebration of life services are Saturday, 10 January 2026 at 1100 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 2255 Lake Emma Road, Lake Mary, FL 32746.

Skip was born 30 June 1933 in Muscatine, IA and stayed until his high school graduation. Upon graduating, he immediately joined the USAF and faithfully served for 23 years, retiring on 1 February 1975. After leaving military life, he was a flight instructor and pilot for Flight Safety and a private pilot until 1991.

Skip was baptized as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in October 1974. Upon retirement, he served full-time in the Orlando, FL temple for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. His service in the temple spanned from the day it opened on 9 October 1994 until it closed for renovations on 30 June 2024.

Skip is survived by his wife, Mary Meerdink, brother, Bill Meerdink, sister, Judy Simmons, 3 sons (Steve Meerdink, Chris Meerdink and Carey Meerdink) and 3 daughters (Jill Hopkins, Jody Meerdink and Kimberly Merrill) and 9 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by Earl (father) and Grace Meerdink (mother), Barbara Brown (sister), Jay Meerdink (brother), Mike Meerdink (brother) and John Meerdink (brother).

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for Advent Health Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
2255 Lake Emma Road  
Lake Mary, FL 32746

## Celebration of Life Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

CH

“ I worked at a grocery store during COVID and would often see Skip. He would always say I'm here and I'm happy. He even gave me a business card with that saying and his name. I've had that card on my nightstand ever since. Tonight I decided to look Skip up online, so sad to hear of his passing. He was such a kind and thoughtful person.

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**Charity** - March 21 at 08:00 PM

CS

“ I loved coming to church and seeing Skip and Mary walk in, always radiating big smiles and warmth! I've always known them to have a kind thought and helping each other. We had many conversations over the years on various aspects of life, Jesus Christ, His gospel, marriage and family, etc. Skip shared with me a 3 page document on discussion topics he prepared to have while engaged, which has blessed and enriched my life, marriage and family now for many years. This is just one example of many he showed of interest, kindness, and a focus on Christ. His devotion to serving our Savior, humbly and excitedly was a strength to me.

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**Caleb Smith** - December 28, 2025 at 05:15 AM

AG

“ It was always about the fireballs Brother Meerdink carried in his pockets while serving in the temple. He would pass one to my daughter in the baptistery and tell her with a wink and a smile that the Spirit of God was like a fire was burning. He is part of the reason she is a pilot today. He always encouraged her to fly and she fondly recalls him as one of her temple grandpas. His example of love, caring, temple service, and fireballs will always stay in our hearts and for generations to come

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**Anna-Cajsa (amd Exi) Gipson** - December 27, 2025 at 08:21 PM

DE

“ He was a great man. He was my husband Josh Ernst uncle I only got to see him a few times but I could tell he loved his family very much. He will be missed.

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**Debbie Ernst** - December 27, 2025 at 04:31 PM

BR

“ I loved walking into the Orlando Temple to start my shift and seeing him at the desk. He always welcomed me with a big smile and sweet greeting. His daughter, Kimberly, lives in my stake and he would ask about her. We'd visit for awhile. I still have his card in my temple bag. It reads, "I'm here and I'm happy" Skip Meerdink. He sure will be missed! My prayers are with all his family. Love, Barbara Butler (formerly Roberts)

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**Barbara Roberts** - December 27, 2025 at 03:47 PM

EO

“ For many years, Skip and I would travel to the Orlando Temple every Thursday morning. I would pick him up at 5:15 am, so we would arrive at the Temple Gate before it open. We would have great conversations on our journey, talking about Christ, the Church, and about life and our lives in general. We became very close. We would cover the Recommend Desk, greeting the Temple Works for 1st Shift with merry good morning salutations and always candy. He was a joy to work beside all the years we knew one another. His Spirit, his testimony of Jesus Christ, and his faithfulness in all things, despite health issues, inspired me and many others daily. He was a dear and beloved friend and I will miss him but know we will be and serve together again later. With deepest condolences, Edward Osbourn.

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**Edward Osbourn** - December 27, 2025 at 03:04 PM