

CROSSED THE BAR

F. Carl Schumacher, Jr.



Frederick Carl "Skip" Schumacher, Jr. died quietly at home with his children and friends the evening of 16 May 2018, after a mercifully short pulmonary cancer ordeal. He would tell you with a harrumph that it was still better than the Pueblo.

We don't need to tell you that Skip was a hero, imprisoned for 1 year in North Korea and solid as a rock for 74 years at home. We don't need to tell you that he loved golf and sitting in the cabana, he loved reading. Smoking. Steak. And recently, going out on his boat. We don't need to tell you that he was the smartest, most steady guide, and one cool character. We don't need to tell you that he's joining many friends and relatives and leaving many behind, because odds are if you're reading this,

you are his friend or relative.

For the Skip fans among you, there was an article about him in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Saturday 19 May 2018). He also wrote an article earlier this year about his adventures on the U.S.S. Pueblo, for Naval History Magazine (Feb. 2018 issue) and a book, *Bridge of No Return*.

Skip was predeceased by his wife of 34 years, Anna Marie "Andy" Hill Schumacher, and his parents, F. Carl Schumacher and Althea Hickey Schumacher. He is survived by his step-daughter Irene McDonnell Allen and son John Charles Robert Schumacher II, his sister Nancy Schumacher Dennis (John) and nephews Michael and Andrew. For Belvedere purposes: he was a member of the greater Hickey-Chamberlain-Engelsmann clan, and an in-law of the McDonnell-Leatherman tribe.

He was our favorite and yours, irreverent to the end.

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