



## Luther "Skip" Wesley Launius

March 26, 1939 - April 15, 2025

Luther "Skip" Wesley Launius, 86, of Troy, Missouri, was fortified with the sacraments of holy mother of church on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at SSM St. Joseph Hospital West in Lake Saint Louis, Missouri. He was born on March 26, 1939, in Danville, Missouri and was the son of Luther and Mary Joanna (Krumanocker) Launius. Skip was united in marriage to Antoinette "Toni" Mary Bommarito on June 14, 1958 in St. Louis, Missouri and to this union four sons were born.

Skip graduated Laboure High School and continued his education at St. Louis Community College- Florissant Valley. He served his country in the United States Navy from November 19, 1957 until he was honorably discharged on October 16, 1961. Skip retired after many years of dedication with McDonald Douglas. In his earlier years he was active with the Boy Scouts and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Skip was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Fan. With a true love and dedication to the Cardinals he spent 7 years at spring training in Jupiter, FL and another 13 years working spring training. You would see Skip's familiar face working during the St. Louis Cardinals ball games at Busch Stadium. He had a large collection of St. Louis Cardinals Memorabilia. Skip was often stubborn at times and would give you the shirt off of your back if you needed it. He never met a stranger and always had a story to tell. His contagious smile and outgoing personality will be deeply missed.

Skip is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Antoinette "Toni" Launius; two sons: David Launius (Mary Faith), Jeffery Launius (Dawn); two sisters: Veronica "Roni" Belko and Marietta "Etta" Williams, grandchildren: Charlotte Rogers(Jon), Charlene Launius, Amber Bovee (Brandon)Katherine Flynn, Elizabeth Launius, Kenneth Launius, Karl Launius, Heather West, Shawn Launius and Alisia Launius; fifteen great-grandchildren, one step great-grandchild, four great-great-grandchildren, two step great-great grandchildren, a daughter-in-law, Andrea Dunning; nieces, nephews, cousins and his adopted family at Busch Stadium. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons: Kenneth Launius and Matthew Launius; one sister, Clara "Von" Johnston and eight brothers-in-law and four sisters-in-law.

Family and friends will be received from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, April 21, 2025 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 21, 2025 at Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Troy, MO. The family request everyone to wear their Cardinal gear in memory of Skip. Interment will be held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Cardinal Care Redbird Rookie or Wounded Warriors, in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com) Phone 636 528-8221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy  
351 Monroe St.  
Troy, MO 63379  
(636) 528-8221  
millardchapel@aol.com

## Service

APR **21**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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351 Monroe St.  
Troy, MO 63379  
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## Graveside Service

APR **22**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery  
2900 Sheridan Rd  
St. Louis, MO 63125

# Tribute Wall

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“ He always had a Cardinal story to tell. We will all cousins, mis his stories

Patsie Gibson cousin - April 23, 2025 at 07:47 PM

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“ I have many childhood memories of my cousin. There was never a dull moment when their family came for the day. We were all about the same age (8 of us) and the noise level could break glass. Skip was often the leader of the gang. We had woods and fields to play in, those were wonderful days. Martha Jo

Martha Ward - April 20, 2025 at 06:17 PM

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“ Ralph Olliges purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Luther "Skip" Wesley Launius.



Ralph Olliges - April 18, 2025 at 02:02 PM

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“ Ralph Olliges planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther "Skip" Wesley Launius.

Ralph Olliges - April 18, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ My dad and I sat next to Toni and Skip at Busch Stadium for many a year. Skip was always very kind and helpful. Thanks for all you did.

Ralph Olliges - April 18, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Luther "Skip" Wesley Launius.



April 18, 2025 at 10:29 AM



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“ one beautiful gods child. skip will never be forgotten. each and every month I will miss skip. school class mates will never leave our hearts ken. shields.

ken shields - April 17, 2025 at 11:57 PM



“ Joan Elhoffer purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Luther "Skip" Wesley Launius.



Joan Elhoffer - April 17, 2025 at 09:48 PM

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**Joan Elhoffer** - April 17, 2025 at 09:48 PM