



## Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr

July 20, 1940 - August 26, 2023

Herschel Henry Skip Austin Jr. was born on July 20, 1940, and died on August 26, 2023. He was the elder son of Herschel Austin Sr. and Mary Anderson Austin, who predeceased him. He was born in Franklin, grew up in Jonesville, and lived most of his life in Bristow, Kentucky.

Skip developed a lifelong love of horses from his grandfather, Burford Anderson, a noted groomsman and trainer in Kentucky and Tennessee. He was the proprietor of Austin Farms, a saddlehorse stable, where he bred and maintained show horses for fifty years. Skip also worked with horse breeders and farmers across Warren County and satellite farms to keep and show his Tennessee Walking horses and saddle horses.

He showed his horses in Southern Kentucky, Decatur, Alabama, the Louisville State Fair, and many venues. Skip was a prize-winning Equestrian who competed in many states and regional venues. He was also a member of fairs and horse show associations. Often, he was only the African American. He won the High Point Southern Kentucky in Amateur Five Gate Class and several other awards.

He graduated from High Street High School and was a member of its Senior Varsity Basketball team.

For over fifty years, he was married to Ersa Whitlow, his high school sweetheart (an elementary school teacher), who predeceased him. He was the father of Carey Philip Austin.

He worked at UPS for several decades. As a valued team member, he appeared on the cover of the UPS Magazine, The Big Idea, where the caption read Herschel Excels at American Saddle Breed. And he was, recognized as a trailblazer for self-determination.

He was a lifelong Mount Zion Baptist Church member, an ordained Deacon, and a member of the Senior Choir. Deacon, and a member of the Senior Choir.

Skip was well-loved by friends and family, who mourn his loss and remember his many good times with them and his kind and loving actions. His son, Carey Philip (Melissa); his brother, Dr. Bobby (Joy) Austin; his Sister-in-Law, Joy; his nieces, Sushama (also his God-daughter); Leah and Ariana, Twila Ann, Debbie; and his nephews, Julian, Howard, Brent, Corey and sister in-law Tina Potter.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1209 Fairview Avenue  
Bowling Green, KY 42103

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Mount Zion Baptist Church - Bowling Green  
175 Graham Drive  
Bowling Green, KY 42101

## Funeral Service

SEP 8. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.** - September 05, 2023 at 04:20 PM

AT

“ The deepest, everlasting condolences, and bountiful praises to the family of Herschel Austin, Jr. (Skip). It would be a rare occasion to drive by Mt Zion Church during the week without seeing Skip in deep discussion with a current local member. Skip's brother Bobby Austin, Herschel and Mary's grandchildren spent most of their summers every year with Skip and his wife where they learned many talents. I remember a huge section as my fellow youth parishioners! Faithful and dutiful mother Mary and patriarch gentlemanly Herschel. None of us at the historic Mt. Zion Church of Jonesville shall ever forget any of them and their time, talent and treasure. The Austins were indeed a special breed at home and whatever part of the world they decided upon as a new territory to adopt as home. For eons now, that has been Washington, D.C. and surrounding territories. As a fortunate Jonesville inhabitant and Mt Zion church member, I was fortunate enough to worship with both sons on Sunday as well as attend church camp and Bible school each year. I saw them at school, also. Bowling Green is a small town, so I would often see Skip scoot across town to work and back in his UPS delivery wagon. Both had successful and accomplished wives who visited their parents and others here frequently. I apologize for being too sick to share my admiration for such notable people in person.

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**Angela Townsend** - September 12, 2023 at 10:32 AM

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Angela Townsend - September 12, 2023 at 09:10 AM

LF

“ Louise Franklin lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Louise Franklin - September 08, 2023 at 02:26 PM

CS

“ Sending Condolences to the Austin Family

*Cheryl Smith & Family*



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**Cheryl Smith** - September 08, 2023 at 12:46 PM

HL

“ Holly Ford, Mark and Family with love purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr.



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**Holly Ford, Mark and Family with love** - September 07, 2023 at 09:52 AM

HL

“ Holly Ford, Mark and Family with love planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr.

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**Holly Ford, Mark and Family with love** - September 07, 2023 at 09:52 AM

GW

“ Gwen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr.



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**Gwen** - September 06, 2023 at 04:47 PM

SF

“ Sue Sweatt And Family lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Sue Sweatt and family - September 05, 2023 at 10:47 PM

MR

“ Maxine Ray lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Maxine Ray - September 04, 2023 at 04:04 PM

SL

“ Sabrina Loving sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Sabrina Loving - September 01, 2023 at 07:53 PM

TJ

“ Thelma Mae Jackson lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Thelma Mae Jackson - September 01, 2023 at 03:02 PM

JF

“ *Jakki Granger Snowden & Family lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



**Jakki Granger Snowden & Family** - August 30, 2023 at 05:27 PM

PW

“ *Peggy (Smith) Whitney lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



**Peggy (Smith) Whitney** - August 30, 2023 at 05:05 PM

DB

“ *David&anna Barbee lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



**David&anna Barbee** - August 30, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LW

“ *Loretha Withrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



**Loretha Withrow** - August 30, 2023 at 04:08 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Wanda Anthony** - August 29, 2023 at 11:23 PM

MB

“ *Marvin And Kenetha Bryant lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Marvin and Kenetha Bryant** - August 29, 2023 at 07:10 PM

TC

“ *Twana Claypool Cornett lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Twana Claypool Cornett** - August 29, 2023 at 06:53 PM

EB

“ *Edward And Deborah Bufford lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Edward and Deborah Bufford** - August 29, 2023 at 04:57 PM

GC

“ Gwen Coats lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Gwen Coats - August 29, 2023 at 03:52 PM

GC

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Gwen Coats - August 29, 2023 at 03:49 PM

TC

“ Tina Cooke lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Tina Cooke - August 29, 2023 at 01:48 PM

WB

“ Wathetta Buford lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Wathetta Buford - August 29, 2023 at 12:02 PM

ME

“ *Mary Eason lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Mary Eason** - August 28, 2023 at 11:27 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Wanda Anthony** - August 28, 2023 at 11:24 PM

WA

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**Wanda Anthony** - August 28, 2023 at 11:22 PM

WA

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**Wanda Anthony** - August 28, 2023 at 11:21 PM

FH

“ Frederick & Estella Hill lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Frederick & Estella Hill - August 28, 2023 at 08:41 PM

BC

“ Brenda Carver lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Brenda Carver - August 28, 2023 at 08:36 PM

KF

“ Kenneth & Shirley Fant lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Kenneth & Shirley Fant - August 28, 2023 at 08:19 PM

TF

“ Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Tina Fant - August 28, 2023 at 08:15 PM

SF

“ Sue Sweatt And Family lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Sue Sweatt and family - August 28, 2023 at 06:21 PM

KC

“ Kenny. And Crisandra Colemam lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Kenny. and Crisandra Colemam - August 28, 2023 at 06:02 PM

JH

“ James H. Davidson lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



James H. Davidson - August 28, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Berona Massey - August 28, 2023 at 04:28 PM

GC

“ *Gwen Coats lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



**Gwen Coats** - August 28, 2023 at 04:18 PM

SI

“ *Sanford And Marcia Irvin lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



**Sanford and Marcia Irvin** - August 28, 2023 at 01:37 PM

CF

“ *Carolyn Sydnor ,& Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



**Carolyn Sydnor ,& family** - August 27, 2023 at 10:15 PM

MM

“ *Michael And Marilyn Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



**Michael and Marilyn Mitchell** - August 27, 2023 at 09:38 PM

SF

“ Sue Sweatt And Family lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Sue Sweatt and family - August 27, 2023 at 07:40 PM

RP

“ Rosie Potter lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Rosie Potter - August 27, 2023 at 06:08 PM

DH

“ Delores Holland lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Delores Holland - August 27, 2023 at 05:20 PM

DJ

“ Debra Jewell lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr



Debra Jewell - August 27, 2023 at 03:42 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Brenda Williams** - August 27, 2023 at 02:06 PM

CL

“ *May he rest in peace and his family find comfort in their faith and loving memories.*  
*Cassandra Little*



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**Cassandra Little** - August 27, 2023 at 11:07 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Lisa Cook** - August 27, 2023 at 10:49 AM

CH

“ *Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Cheryl Hewitt** - August 27, 2023 at 08:04 AM

DB

“ *David&anna Barbee* ❤️



David&anna Barbee 🙏 - August 27, 2023 at 07:40 AM

MW

“ *So sorry to hear. Prayers and condolences for the family,* 🌸



Mona Ware - August 27, 2023 at 03:27 AM

BY

“ *Buel Young lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



Buel Young - August 26, 2023 at 11:49 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cole lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



Mary Cole - August 26, 2023 at 09:10 PM

AB

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to the family*

*The Butts Family*



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**Amy Butts** - August 26, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ *Dear Austin Family,*

*There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.*

*Respectfully,*

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly  
2nd Generation Owners*



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**Cedric Burnam** - August 26, 2023 at 09:01 PM

GR

“ *Gail Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Herschel H. "Skip" Austin Jr*



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**Gail Rasmussen** - August 26, 2023 at 09:00 PM