



## Dr. Xenophon Skufis

August 13, 1927 - June 1, 2018

ADRIAN - Xenophon "Xen" Skufis, physician, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and fishing, golfing, bonsai, and cycling enthusiast, departed for his final bike ride on June 1, 2018. He is preceded in his journey by his parents but waves back to his wife of 65 years, Eleanor, his sister Marilyn, three children (Renee, Paul, and Jim), five grandchildren (Charlie, Matt, Sarah, Neil, and Paula), and six great-grandchildren, plus countless friends whose lives he has touched. Xen was born on August 13, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, where he attended Cass Tech High School. At the age of 18 he was inducted into the US Armed Forces just as the Second World War was ending, and spent his time in the military helping to discharge the thousands of veterans returning from overseas. After his service, he entered college, first at Wayne State University and then the University of Michigan, where he earned his medical degree. It was while at U of M that he met his future wife, Eleanor Parshall, who was also pursuing her medical degree. They married on June 13, 1953, the very same day that they graduated from U of M Medical School. The newlyweds moved to Adrian, Michigan where Xen established a successful family practice and gained privileges at Bixby Hospital. During his 35 years of medical practice, Xen performed thousands of surgeries and delivered hundreds of babies. He took great pride in the fact that he never turned a patient away because they couldn't pay. After retiring from practice, Xen devoted his life to travelling with Eleanor, being the world's best grandpa, and his passion for bonsai, fishing, RC airplanes, wine making, and bicycling. He spent uncounted hours at MSU's Hidden Lake Gardens as a volunteer in the care of their bonsai collection, donating his own bonsai collection to them. Xen was an avid bicyclist and would ride 10 to 14 miles a day, nearly every day, right up into his 90s. His favorite release was to ride on the Kiwanis Bike Trail between Adrian and Tecumseh.

To remember Xen, a gathering of his friends and family will be held at Wagley Funeral Home on June 5, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will be at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park in Adrian.

In lieu of flowers, Xen's family requests that donations be made to Hidden Lake Gardens ([https://www.canr.msu.edu/hiddenlakegardens/join\\_give/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/hiddenlakegardens/join_give/)) in Xen's name. Online condolences and memories may be shared at <http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com>.



# Cemetery

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## Lenawee Hills Memorial Park

1291 Wolf Creek Hwy.  
Adrian, MI, 49221

# Events

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**JUN 5** **Gathering of Family and Friends** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St., Adrian, MI, US, 49221

# Comments

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“ 15 files added to the album Xen Skufis



**Jim Skufis** - June 05, 2018 at 04:41 AM

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“ How fondly we remember our good friend, Xen. We worked with him on the bonsai collection at Hidden Lake Gardens. We came as grandmother (75 years old) and granddaughter (10 years old). He always greeted us with interest, warmth and enthusiasm. We will miss him. He was truly a man for all seasons.

Trudy Bulkley (the grandmother) and Nina Rosenzweig (granddaughter)

**Trudy Bulkley** - June 04, 2018 at 06:16 PM

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“ Washtenaw Community College purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Xenophon Skufis.



**Washtenaw Community College** - June 04, 2018 at 05:12 PM

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“ Sandra (Wood) Sayner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Xenophon Skufis



Sandra (Wood) Sayner - June 04, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ I last saw Dr. Skufis at my mother's funeral in May of 1999 and was so pleasantly surprised that he was there. No only was he our family physician, but a dear friend and confidante. We were so fortunate to have him in Adrian...what a gem! Thank you for your kindness, care and guidance for all those years. They don't make them like him anymore. My sincere sympathy and prayers to his friends and family.

Sandra (Wood) Sayner

Sandra (Wood) Sayner - June 04, 2018 at 04:08 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Xenophon Skufis.



June 04, 2018 at 11:34 AM

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“ Lori lit a candle in memory of Dr. Xenophon Skufis



Lori - June 04, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Dr. Donald J. Martin & Dr. Abdul Arshad

Lori - June 04, 2018 at 09:54 AM

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“ Dr.Asuncion Q.Luz lit a candle in memory of Dr. Xenophon Skufis



Dr.Asuncion Q.Luz - June 03, 2018 at 07:42 PM

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“ Xen, it was a great honor knowing and working with you. I am glad that we reunited few weeks ago and caught up on things. I will miss you dearly, you were a fine doctor who truly cared for everyone. My deepest condolences to your family. Till we meet again in heaven R.I.P. my dear friend!

Dr. Asuncion Q. Luz



Dr.Asuncion Q.Luz - June 03, 2018 at 07:33 PM

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“ Lenawee Counry Medical Society lit a candle in memory of Dr. Xenophon Skufis



**Lenawee Counry Medical Society** - June 03, 2018 at 07:00 PM

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“ Melinda Ahleman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Xenophon Skufis



**Melinda Ahleman** - June 03, 2018 at 06:59 PM

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“ It was a great honor knowing and working with you! My deepest condolences to your family. R.I.P. my dear friend.

Dr. Asuncion Q. Luz



**Dr.Asucion Q. Luz** - June 03, 2018 at 05:15 PM

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“ I remember going to visit my uncle Xenny and aunt Eleanor in the 1950's when I was a child. My mother Marilyn was Xenny's younger sister. We visited them in a small house in Westland, across the railroad tracks from Eloise Hospital where Xen interned. They moved to Adrian soon after and Xen began practicing medicine. Every year my mother Marilyn, father George and brother Gary would drive to Adrian to celebrate Christmas with them. Uncle Xen gave my brother and I the coolest gifts like models and scientific toys. We got to play with my cousins Paul, Renee and Jim. We would have a big dinner together featuring leg of lamb and spinach pie. They would also drive to Dearborn to visit us at Thanksgiving. This tradition continued for sixty years. We had the last Christmas reunion at my mother Marilyn and John Holden's house in Northville. Xen and Eleanor visited me in Boston when I graduated from Harvard in 1974. They also visited me when I graduated from Wayne State in 1983. We went to Greek town for dinner after. I got to see him this year when he flew back to Detroit from Florida with my brother Gary. I met them at the airport. Just this past April I also was with him and Renee for aunt Ethel.s (his cousin) funeral. He enjoyed looking at the pictures of his relatives on his father's George side of the family. May you rest your soul in peace. With love, Dean Masouredis

dean masouredis - June 03, 2018 at 12:00 PM

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“ Dear Renee and family,  
I did not know your Dad. But I know that his life was filled with meaningful accomplishments. Never turning a patient away because they couldn't pay, says it all.  
Wherever your Dad went, he left a trail of kindness and compassion and an example for us to follow. Hold on to your memories and he will stay close to you.  
Larry

Larry Cole - June 02, 2018 at 04:51 PM

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“ Words fail us so in their place, we will repeat what Arthur Schopenhauer wrote about death: "The deep pain that is felt at the death of every friendly soul arises from the feeling that there is in every individual something which is inexpressible, peculiar to him alone and is therefore, absolutely and irretrievably lost".

There are simply some people who should live forever and Xen was one of them.

Our deepest, deepest sympathies to Eleanor and all of the Skufis' family.

Dick and Sybil Diccion

Sybil Diccion - June 02, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ The first time that I met Xen I was only 21. He and Eleanor stopped into the Mendocino Hotel where I was a bartender. They sat at the bar and introduced themselves as the parents of that guy my sister was dating in Michigan. I couldn't believe they had sought me out in such an out of the way place! I enjoyed talking to them for hours. Then I spent a couple of days showing them around town. In an instant they made me feel like family. They have done so for many years since and I have been truly blessed by that. The world is a little out of balance now. Xen touched many people's lives and will be greatly missed. It is meaningful to know that he lives on in his children Renee, Paul and Jim and his grandchildren Charlie, Matt, Sarah, Neil, and Paula and his six great-grandchildren.

My condolences to Eleanor and the entire family.

With Love

Tracy

**Tracy Coates** - June 02, 2018 at 10:52 AM

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“ “Dr Skufis delivered my first born Pamela Jean Garnsey Oct 11 1962 and 6 wks later joined her father in Scotland where he was stationed with the AF. After that tour of duty we were given an opp to go to Crete,Greece where our son, Anthony was born. I found irony in the fact that my dtr was delivered by a Dr with a Greek name and my son delivered by an American Dr in Greece” R.I.P. Dr Skufis!!



**carol june garnsey-houston** - June 02, 2018 at 10:16 AM

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“ Having been responsible for our Hidden Lake Gardens' bonsai display since its inception 50 years ago, I can attest to the major impact Xen Skufis has had on this collection and the people associated with it.

As our longest active volunteer, approaching 20 years of service, Xen was the man we depended on to do the weekly fertilization and much of the pruning which is part of the bonsai process. But, he was also, at one level or another, friend and confidant to everyone involved in our Thursday morning bonsai work sessions.

The work will go on but Xen's passing is a deeply felt loss to all of us who were privileged to associate with him as fellow bonsai enthusiasts.

Jack Wikle

Jack Wikle - June 02, 2018 at 08:52 AM

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“ I grew up with this family, got to know them well, went on a my first ski trip with Dr. X, Paul and Jim, and when I was in high school I got to work with him in the emergency room. He was an amazing, talented man who inspired me at a young age. He's probably playing tennis with Dr. Gilmartin! Rest in Peace. You made Adrian a better place

Tim Krzys - June 02, 2018 at 07:32 AM

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“ Dr Skufis delivered me. He was my only Doctor for 20 years. His big voice would terrify me as I heard him start to come in but he always made comfort once he was there. He also took my tonsils out. My mother loved him as did I.  
RIP Doc

Robin Raines - June 01, 2018 at 09:20 PM

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“ Dr. Skufis was our family doctor for many years. I feel he saved my life when I was sick when no one else believed me. He listened and all ended well. My mother adored him. We ran into him about a year ago at Lenawee Medical where my mom and his sweet Eleanor lived. We told mom who he was and he kissed her hand and it was her birthday. I think that was her favorite gift. He was a good man and a wonderful physician. They don't make them like him anymore.

Kathy Raines - June 01, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ Paul, Jim, Barb, Renee, Jack and families: My sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved father, Xen. He embodied a genuine love of life for all of his ninety years. His energy and good nature carried him through so many activities and so many friendships.

My favorite memory of Xen is of him driving the jeep during our two trips to St. John's in the 1970's. On bumpy dirt roads, he was fearless and skillful at the wheel of the jeep - the rest of us just hung on tight. His enthusiasm was a guiding force for all of us.

We will all miss Dr. X so much. He was a man of rare skill and genuine compassion.

Jim Gilmartin

**Jim Gilmartin** - June 01, 2018 at 05:26 PM

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“ I remember Dr. Skufis when I was hired in at Bixby Hospital in 1970. He was a great physician who always had a great smile. When I retired and spent my winters in Bradenton Florida he and his wife lived in the same park I visited. He was a great guy.

**Karen Vadas Wagner** - June 01, 2018 at 04:00 PM