



## David "Sked" Paraskevas

July 1, 1954 - March 14, 2019

David J. Paraskevas ("Sked"), 64, of Tinton Falls, NJ passed away unexpectedly at home on Thursday March 14, 2019.

David was born in Elizabeth NJ to John and Audrey Paraskevas, and grew up in Lincroft NJ with his five younger sisters.

Sked was a gifted machinist, notable boat builder and legendary record holding driver of Jersey Speed Skiffs and Super Stock Flat Bottoms, most notably the "SS-88 Cruise Missile", "PS-529-Wendt Racing" & "JS-88 Blue Goose". In 1972, when he was eighteen, Sked bought the Blue Goose for \$1 for his first race and registered it then as "JS-57 Ruptured Duck". He came in third! From that race on, Sked was a master of designing, constructing and operating these unique racing machines. Sked also had a great passion for music which always accompanied him in his workshop.

David is predeceased by his father, John H. Paraskevas. He is survived by his beloved wife of 39 years Bucki Paraskevas; his daughter Audrey Nicole Paraskevas; his mother Audrey E. Paraskevas; his sisters and their husbands: Mary Anne O'Brien (Vincent), Rose Marie Leitner (Charles), Christina Carlson (Jeffrey), Ellen Krasutsky (Alex), and Alexis Rosen (Randy); and 17 nieces and nephews, and 1 grand-niece and 1 grand-nephew.

Visitation will be 5 to 9 with a Memorial Service at 8 PM on Tuesday March 19, 2019 at the Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls. For online condolences, please visit Sked's memorial page at [www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com](http://www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

## Memorial Service

MAR 19. 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

ET

“ Whether it was my boat, my car, or even my guitar, if I needed machine work done and nobody else could do it, Sked could, and always did it right. A meticulous craftsman, possessed of a sharp mind (and wit) and a big heart. There was nothing I've seen him make that didn't come out exactly as it should be. I'm going to miss being around him and hearing his stories. Oh, the stories!

*Eric Tolnes*

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**Eric Tolnes** - March 21, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of David "Sked" Paraskevas.



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March 19, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David "Sked" Paraskevas.



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March 18, 2019 at 05:14 PM

JJ

“ Sked, so sad to hear of your passing. Steve called me this morning with the sad news.

*Sked helped me get our skiff, JS-70 Thunderchief ready for racing. Learned so much from Sked about skiffs that paid off running and taking care of her between races.*

*Sked you were the skiff guru*

*John & Steve Drucker  
JS70-Thunderchief*

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**John J Drucker Jr** - March 17, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David "Sked" Paraskevas.*



March 17, 2019 at 02:44 PM

BD

“ *I am very saddened by the news. Sked was my very first friend in life. Although the years and miles separated us I always thought we would see each other again . For Bucki and the entire family I am so sorry. Rest in Peace my friend.*

*Bart*

**Bart DiSanto** - March 17, 2019 at 11:54 AM

AP

“ *My dad was the coolest 😎*



**Audrey N Paraskevas** - March 16, 2019 at 07:25 PM

KS

*Yes He was!! I have that picture of the "liquor luge"! I am stunned at his passing and will always remember his unique (?) sense of humor and that devilish smile. Sending You and your Mom heartfelt hugs... tears are flowing...*

**Karen Spadavecchia** - March 19, 2019 at 10:07 AM

KF

“ *Kathy & Tom Flaherty lit a candle in memory of David "Sked" Paraskevas*



**Kathy & Tom Flaherty** - March 16, 2019 at 06:41 PM

JM

*My deepest condolences to the Paraskevas family . I like many had to opportunity to learn from Sked . One of the nicest guys I could have ever met . Never stingy with his time , always sharing an amazing story . By far one of the most talented craftsmen I've ever met . He guided me as I built my own Skiff and helped me every step of the way . A legend for sure in boat racing . I am proud to be able to say I knew Sked and considered him a friend . May you Rest In Peace my friend . You will be missed dearly .*

*Jay Mizer  
Brick NJ*

**Jay Mizer** - March 16, 2019 at 06:55 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Russ Schroeder** - March 16, 2019 at 05:34 PM

RS

*Dave came over to help me turn over the new skiff I had just built. Can you pick him out? Guess what year?*

**Russ Schroeder** - March 16, 2019 at 05:36 PM

AP

*Back right?*

**Audrey N Paraskevas** - March 16, 2019 at 07:24 PM

DC

“ *Dave was one of the guys I looked at as superman back in the 70's. Being a young member of the NSRA I dreamed of being just like them and racing boats. My choice was Hydro's but Dave and all the other flat bottom drivers used to tell me 'Hydroplanes are race boats with training wheels'. He was the big guy on campus.....Sked and skiffs went together like Peanut butter and jelly. BIG loos to the racing community, may God bless him and keep him.*

*Dave Cofone  
30-J*

**Dave Cofone** - March 16, 2019 at 05:00 PM

RW

“ He was the man that made Jersey Skiffs what they are today. Thank you Sked for one of my very first skiff rides that totally terrified me. Rest in Peace my friend. You will be missed.

*Richie Weber*  
*Jupiter FL*

Richard Weber - March 16, 2019 at 04:23 PM

CJ

“ Celeste, Ange, Leslie, Neil, Adam, Isabel, John purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of David "Sked" Paraskevas.



Celeste, Ange, Leslie, Neil, Adam, Isabel, John - March 16, 2019 at 04:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David "Sked" Paraskevas.



March 16, 2019 at 03:25 PM

RF

“ To the entire Paraskevas family and all extended families....I grew up with you all. I am heartbroken over this news. This is the hardest part of living in Florida. I want to be there to give you all hugs. I have such fond memories with David and all of you! I'm so deeply sorry! Love you all!!! -Renee Findlay-Daluise

Renee Findlay-Daluise - March 16, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David "Sked" Paraskevas.



March 16, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of David "Sked" Paraskevas.



March 16, 2019 at 09:48 AM

MA

“ David had the nicest smile. Even his eyes would smile. And his laugh. I loved his laugh. I felt good to be around him. We always had the most interesting and fun conversations together. He truly was a beautiful free spirit soul. Much love and healing to all of you.

*Marcella Paraskevas-Ramirez*

**Marcella** - March 16, 2019 at 09:34 AM

BH

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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - March 15, 2019 at 09:32 PM