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Formerly of Binghamton - Mitchell "Skip" Slutzker of Binghamton, NY, died peacefully in Pacific Palisades, CA on October 5, 2021, just weeks shy of his 98th birthday. He had a wonderful and fulfilling life and leaves behind an adoring family and a bounty of happy memories.

Skip was born on November 16, 1923, to Sophie and Sidney Slutzker in Duluth, MN. He moved to Binghamton as a child and spent the rest of his life there, save for the years he spent in the Pacific serving valiantly as an Army Staff Sergeant during World War II, and the last five years, which he spent with his family in California.

After the war, Skip returned to Binghamton and eventually found his way to the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, where he worked as a debit agent. Skip proved to be a brilliant salesman and was the first agent in the triple cities to sell a million dollars of life insurance. He moved on to the Columbian Financial Group, where he worked until he retired as a Senior Vice President.

In 1974, Skip married the love of his life, Ann. Skip and Ann had a beautiful partnership and enjoyed a fulfilling life. "Dusty" as Skip affectionately called her, was the person who made him happiest in the world. He was at his most content by Ann's side, whether that was at a lavish work dinner in New York City or at home dozing off together in front of an episode of Law and Order. They were married for more than 40 years, separated only by her death in 2016.

Skip was not only a loving husband, but a devoted father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather, spending a large part of his golden years with his grandchildren, dancing, taking road trips to amusement parks, running through sprinklers, shopping, eating, giving (sometimes unsolicited) advice and, most importantly, laughing.

In addition to being a dedicated family man, Skip was an avid golfer and sports fan. Though he'd watch nearly any sport and played or coached many of them as a young man, the Yankees were his forever favorite.

Skip was a member of VFW Hoyt 478, American Legion Post 80, Binghamton Masonic Lodge #177, and the Beth David Synagogue.

Skip was preceded in death by his treasured wife Ann Slutzker, his parents, his brothers Louis, Marvin and Laurence Slutzker, and his cherished daughter Julaine Slutzker. He is survived by his son Dr. Michael (Julie) Slutzker, his daughter Laureen Slutzker, his sister Marcy (Gavriel) Yonaty, his granddaughters Chloe (Chris Schmidt) Quail, Shelby Slutzker and Taylor Slutzker, his great-grandsons Archie and Jules Schmidt, his nephew Ian (wife Stephanie and son James) McHugh, who was like a grandson, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Frances and Richard McHugh, his stepson Steve (Patti) Dorfman, his sister-in-law Faith Patrillo and many other beloved family members, among them his nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, all of whom he adored.

Services were held for Skip's family at Beth David Cemetery on October 10, 2021. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Shriner's Hospital, which is a cause that Skip felt strongly about. Sign his guestbook at www.HEFUNERALHOME.com, Services provided by Hopley & Eschbach Funeral Home, 483 Chenango St. Binghamton.

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