

MEMORIAL GUESTBOOK
Harold Joseph Salfen

Monday, September 22, 2014

Hal Salfen was a mentor and dear friend to me and my family for the past 37+ years. Hal was an amazing role model as well and had such a giving heart to all that had the privilege of knowing him.

Besides myself, my entire family got to know and love Hal over the years. In addition, we got to know many other members of the Salfen family and most of all his youngest son Marty. In fact, I consider Marty one of my dearest friends as well as his beautiful sole mate Stephenine Mower.

Hal's contributions to the International Airline Passengers Association are numerous and significant when it comes to passengers rights and safety.

Hal will be missed, but know that he's in the care of our Lord and Savior and with his wife Marge and son Jack.

~ Terry Evans,
Frisco, Texas

Wednesday, September 04, 2013

My deepest sympathy in your loss. The boys and I have fond memories of "Pop"

~ Russell Higgins,
Rockwall, Texas

Wednesday, September 04, 2013

It was an honor to have known Pop and shared memories with him. I know you are each so proud to have had him as a part of your family and circle of special friendships.

When our time here on earth is through, we should all hope to have such a legacy and be remembered so fondly, by so many.

Wishing God's comfort to you now, and His promise to be reunited with those we love in the future.

~ Renee, Grant & Bryce Workings,
Rockwall, Texas

Monday, September 02, 2013

The Nevada Jaycees Senate and Old Timers send our deepest sympathies. As GA president he was our friend and will always be.

Sincerely,
~ John Riggs,
Reno/Las Vegas, Nevada

Sunday, September 01, 2013

Marty: Peggy Gachet here as a blast from the past. Your Dad was special to many people but especially me. I still have some of the old Delta memorabilia he gave me when cleaning out his garage back in 1984. May you be given strength to deal with the great loss.

~ Peggy Gachet,
St. Augustine, Florida

Sunday, September 01, 2013

Dear Marty and the entire Salfen family. I remember Hal so fondly. When I was a newly-appointed and struggling Delta sales rep, his kindness, patience and benevolence meant the world to me.

I hope that time and love helps to smooth the jagged edges of the hole left in your heart by the loss of your Dad. Much love,
Nora

~ Nora Weaver,
Fayetteville, Georgia

Saturday, August 31, 2013

Kathy, Roy: Condolences from Kay and me on your loss.

~ Arthur Ferman,
El Cerrito, California

Friday, August 30, 2013

I am saddened to hear about the passing of Colonel. It helps to know that he is no longer in pain. It was an honor to be one of his caregivers at Arbor House. I will forever cherish his words to me. I love you, and I love you right back Sir.

~ Dona McGee,
Rowlett, Texas

Friday, August 30, 2013

Marty, please accept our deepest sympathies.

~ Raul Arce & Family,
Woodstock, Georgia

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Marty, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hal gave me my first job out of college with Airport Freeway Travel. He taught me so many things that I still think of today and use daily. His love for his family would always make me smile and made me feel good to have a great friend and mentor like Hal. May you all have peace during this time, Merg

~ Chris Mergen,
Coppell, Texas

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Marty, on behalf of the entire Evans family, please share our condolences with all your beautiful family. Hal was a very significant mentor to me and words can't express my profound gratitude! Our prayers and thoughts are with you and we look forward to celebrating Hal's amazing life with you and family on Sat. God Bless, Terry

~ Terry Evans,
Frisco, Texas

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

This man was always bigger than life to me. He was charming and funny, he was also deeply sincere about things that mattered like God, family, America and, of course, sports. He was loved, respected and admired by many. In fact, he was the kind of man people liked to claim as relative or friend as a sort of badge of honor. I am so thankful to be a part of his family.

~ Faith Salfen,
Arlington, Texas

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Kathy & Roy,

We are sorry to hear about Pop.

I read his book and he will always be on my list of American Heros. You two & Johan really did your best to make Pop's later life a good one. You are also Heros.

~ John & Diane Simonieg

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Linda and I are saddened to hear of this... I know you and Kathy were very close to him.

Warm regards,

~ Erik and Linda

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

My deepest sympathy to all. He was such a wonderful person and you all were so caring to him. My thoughts are with you at this time.

All is well with me.

~ Pat Weiss

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Our condolences on your loss. Upon seeing that Harold passed away, it brought to mind that we have some great historical documents and memorabilia that he provided the school from his years in High School. Items include his high school yearbook in which he wrote articles, the class's last will and testament to the next class, his senior speech, his armband etc. If anyone would like to have copies I would be happy to make copies. It is some wonderful legacy documents written and signed by

Harold. He truly felt his time at Assumption High School, now St. Dominic made a huge impact on him. I will include his obituary information in our next alumni newsletter.

Thanks and again my deepest sympathy.

~ Beth Runge

Saint Dominichs (O-Fallen MO)

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Roy

Sorry to hear of y'all's lose, I bet I've told the story of Pops giving his flight jacket to his grandson for Christmas a hundred times. I was reading his obituary and he certainly lived an amazing life. I always thought it was great he got to live with you and Kathy it gave his grandson an opportunity to get to know his grandfather. Sorry for your loss.

~ Dave and Susan

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Dear Marty: Bob Coggin sent me a copy of your email re the passing of your father. I was saddened to hear of his passing but it is good that he is now reunited with your Mother. It was my honor and privilege to know Hal and Marge for many years. Hal had a tremendous influence on my career and gave me my first big break with Delta. I first met him in Houston in 1956 when he was overseeing a blitz that I worked as a fledgling Sales Rep. After that he was responsible for getting me to the G.O. in 1959 and mentored me there until he left for Central Airlines in 1962. We stayed in touch and he even counseled me from a distance after that.

The years have flown by. I have been retired for 20 years and I don't even recognize today's airline industry. What I do have is a wonderful memory of an industry and people that meant so much to me during my 4 decades there. I include you among those though our time was all too short. Your Dad was one of the finest people I have ever known and I just wanted to let you know that. May God bless you and yours.

Warmest personal regards,

~ Whit

President Delta Airlines

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. You can take a lot of comfort in knowing what a great life he had and all the positive impact he had on so many people. We always enjoyed having him attend our Fall Flings as always had so many interesting stories to tell.

If you will let me know the details of his service I will ask Neil Curtis to send out the info to everyone

Our thought and prayers are with you and the family

~ Bob Coggin

Retired Executive Vice President of Marketing at Delta Airline

Monday, August 26, 2013

Hal was a good friend through the Jaycees and was an outstanding leader. Hal was President of the Georgia Jaycees in 1954-55 and I was one of the State Vice Presidents. The following year he was National Vice President. I had the privilege of serving as State President in 1956-57 and had his full support during that year. Marge was a great lady and they were a fine couple. At one time they lived in DeKalb County and I picked him up there two or three times when we were going to the same meeting. He was an inspiration in many ways -- some of us used to talk about how he started on the Delta ticket window and moved on to bigger things while some who started with him remained in somewhat the same positions. The state elections were hotly contested in those days and Georgia was pretty much a rural state -- in 1954 one of the candidates was from middle Georgia, was a life long resident from an old Georgia family so somewhat the favorite with Hal coming from Atlanta and not being a native Georgian and with a majority of the clubs also being in smaller cities around the state. Hal won a clear victory. Many years ago Kayanne and I were flying to Hawaii with stop in Dallas -- the day before I read that Hal was with Braniff -- I left a congratulatory message and said we would try to call in Dallas -- he meet us at the plane and upgraded us to first class for the Honolulu flight. A couple of years ago I decided to try to locate him and, after getting a number called what probably was your house -- he had gone to the Dallas Cowboys game -- I was impressed -- we talked a day or two later. The family can be very proud of him. I was privileged to count him as a friend.

~ Abit Massey

Georgia Poultry Federation

Monday, August 26, 2013

Our deepest condolences, he was a good man and great Jaycee.

Yours in Jaycee,

~ Kim

Monday, August 26, 2013

Pop....you will forever be in our memories.....

~ Roy, Kathy, Johann