

ARDELL EVERITT ARFSTEN

This Guest Book by Olinger Andrews Caldwell Gibson Chapel.

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Dear Pat and Family...

I knew Ardell very well professionally, and worked for him at Alaska Airlines in the late 1980's... He was wonderful man and very special mentor to me, I will never forget him... We traveled to Brunei and New Zealand together in the early 1990's, and I visited him and Pat in Phoenix as well.

I currently work for the FAA in WDC, and have him to thank for me making the right decision to work for the Federal Government in Aviation Safety, a decision I have never regretted and have thoroughly enjoyed for the past 4 years.

God Bless your family... RIP Ardell.

Best Regards,

~ Mark Conrad, Alexandria, Virginia

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Dear Pat and family, please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of Ardell. I worked with Ardell at Alaska and later in his career at the FAA, he always offered true professionalism. We shared almost daily emails the last couple of years. He's a good friend, patriot and I will miss him.

~ Chris Nicosia,

Federal Way, Washington

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Dear Pat, Renee, Rhonda, Ronnie, and all of your family,

I write this message to you all, both in astonishment and with tremendous sorrow, for it is terribly difficult to comprehend that Ardell has left us.

I do not hesitate however in sharing my firm and confident belief in knowing that God swept Ardell directly to heaven! As you all know, Ardell was an extremely rare gentlemen - one who quietly and sincerely showed his friendship and deep care for his family and friends both in his steady and quiet acts, as well as in his warm hugs, welcoming smiles and quiet nods.

Since 1962, the Ayers family has been grateful and happy to be "up hill" and close to Laura and Lloyd, and then Pat and Ardell - whether it is regarding community affairs, scrumptious Christmas treats or villages, heavy snow, power outages, holiday and family celebrations, or masterful and exquisite creations in wood - we understand the grace bestowed and treasure them all !

Personally, I will sorely miss, but will always be grateful for Ardell's care in what I was doing and experiencing; his steady and great care and friendship for my parents; and his sharing of his special talent in his amazing shop with my brother, David!

With my love and prayers for Ardell and you all,

~ Victoria Ayers, New York, New York

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Dear Pat and family, I enjoyed working with Ardell both at the former Frontier Airlines and the new one. He was a good friend and an extremely talented man with an uncompromising dedication to aircraft safety. He was always willing to help and lend his valuable insight to any situation. His passing was a shock to Judy and I, and still find it hard to believe. We are thinking of you at this difficult time and cherish the good times we've had together. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

~ Jon & Judy Bartram, Perkins, Oklahoma

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Pat and family, Being fairly new to Ardell's (and yours) extended family in the aviation world -- as so many others have already expressed -- I too will miss Ardell. I also want to Thank you for letting Ardell (and the helpers as I was told) in making a blanket chest for me last year -- it will serve as a reminder of what a special and thoughtful person Ardell was and will be cherished always.

~ Carol & Mike Frost, Elbert, Colorado

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mrs. Arfsten and family,

My condolence to your family for your loss. It is indeed a loss for us all. He touched so many lives in so many places.

It was my great pleasure to have Ardell as my mentor, co-worker, co-principal and friend. He was a joy to work with as well as just the greatest person to talk with. The breath and scope of his knowledge in law enforcement and aviation made for the kind of stories that were learning experiences all themselves. He guided me as a new inspector to the FAA in ways that are still with me today. He was a rare individual and will truly be missed by all.

~ James Blake, Snohomish, Washington

Monday, June 20, 2016

Dear Fellow Admirers of Ardell Arfsten. I have met many great people in my travels around the world, but none that I have honored or admired more than Ardell. He was a truly great American. He was the only man I have ever met who could do any task perfectly and with a level of thought that belied brilliance. Every time I cut a brat in half before grilling (try it), I will think of Ardell and smile.

Still he was also the common man who could talk with anyone, and explain a complex issue simply. He was a delight to listen to as the story's spilled out. I can readily see the smile on his face and his happy chuckle at one of his own stories.

I am sorry for us that we have lost his presence, astute political clarity, and his love of America. Knowing his depth of faith, I am sure he is in a much better place. I have continued to think of Ardell in association with the line remembered from Abraham Lincoln's passing, Now, he belongs to the ages. Ardell, thanks for the memories. God bless.

~ Harvey Haynes, Evergreen, Colorado

Monday, June 20, 2016

To Pat and family:

I first met Ardell when he came to the FAA Seattle Flight Standards District Office. I was assigned to be his trainer and I must say that was a most fortunate occurrence for me. The trainer trainee roles swapped moment-by-moment and I undoubtedly learned more from Ardell than I was ever able to pass on to him. We worked together for several years at Seattle inspecting freight operators DC-8's and airline operations.

Ardell transferred to the FAA Denver Flight Standards District Office and we spoke only occasionally by phone. But fate intervened and I too got to spend some time at the Denver office. It was my great fortune to work with Ardell again.

The thing about Ardell that made him special to me was not that he was such a talented and knowledgeable man because he was, but that he understood that sharing his knowledge made it all the more valuable. Ardell willingly spent hours explaining the intricacies of all things aviation to all who were smart enough to listen.

Tailwinds my friend,

~ Brian Schooley, Federal Way, Washington

Monday, June 20, 2016

Ardell was a wonderful friend, mentor, and father figure for me over the past 15 years. I will miss him greatly.

~ Roger Nicely, FAA, Seattle, WA

Monday, June 20, 2016

I had the great honor of knowing Ardell, since my days at Western Pacific Airlines. A fine man and aviator. A friend and mentor!

~ Joe Knight (Houston).

Monday, June 20, 2016

In my short acquaintance with Ardell at FSDO office (FAA) and fellow Inspector I found Ardell to be a compassionate and professional Inspector (ASI) and Supervisor. He led by example and earned the respect he deserved. Sue and I miss the annual summer parties that he and Pat so graciously hosted for the office. Our condolences to Pat and family for a man who "walked the walk" as well as "talked the talk". May he always have blue skies.

~ Carl & Sue Miller, Cherry Hills Village, Colorado

Monday, June 20, 2016

Ardell was a wonderful and kind man who will be greatly missed, working with Ardell, he always brought laughter and light heartedness to any situation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat and the Family.

~ David & Melissa Carroll

Monday, June 20, 2016

Ardell, you were a wonderful mentor and friend. You lead us to a soft landing decades ago and, for that, thousands us will be forever grateful.

~ Jim Overton, Aurora

Monday, June 20, 2016

Ardell had a smile that would brighten every room. I saw his handsome smile everyday when he was in my class during his FAA aviation safety inspector indoc. I was one of his instructors at the FAA Academy. Then I transferred to Denver and was pleased to find his smiley face, again. Oh, happy day. May we all have his smile and gentlemanliness imbedded in our brain matter and follow as a role model that he was. Thank you, Ardell, for being a wonderful work associate.

~ Gina Moretto, Castle Rock, Colorado

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Art was in my new hire class when I began at Frontier....I knew him for some time and found him to be a great guy....God bless, He will be missed....

~ Jack Powell

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Ardell was one of the most decent and considerate men I have ever met. He will be truly missed by everyone who knew him. My deepest condolences to his family.

~ Marty Slebodnik, Centennial, Colorado

Friday, June 17, 2016

Godspeed and tailwinds dear friend, I know you are now without pain or sorrow and you, your loved family and friends are in my prayers and thoughts.

~ Dale Buss, The Villages, Florida

Friday, June 17, 2016

Pat and family

Words are inadequate. I can only offer my sincere condolences and express a deep sense of loss for the passing of a fellow pilot and friend.

~ Billy Watkins, Brighton, Colorado

Friday, June 17, 2016

What a beautiful celebration of life in the video. Our condolences to the family.

~ Stan and Ann Trueblood

Friday, June 17, 2016

Like so many, I greatly benefitted from Captain Arfsten's leadership and from the opportunities he provided our pilots at both Frontier and America West Airlines. He was a great credit to aviation and will be missed.

~ David Miller, Monument, Colorado

Friday, June 17, 2016

Pat, you and all the family are in my thoughts and prayers.....Cherish the memories and thank you for sharing so many of them with everyone through the wonderful slide show. Sending hugs and love as I cannot be there. Love you, Linda Hanson and family.

~ Linda Hanson, La Salle, Colorado

Friday, June 17, 2016

I remember Mr. Arfsten through my friendship with Renee as kids. He was always busy doing something or building something. A very talented unique man. Sorry Renee for your loss. Prayers for your family.

~ Laurie Anderson, Larkspur, Colorado

Thursday, June 16, 2016

There just are never the right words or, in Ardell's case, enough words to say about this extraordinary and talented fellow. I am proud to have enjoyed Ardell's friendship since we were fledglings at good ol' Frontier Airlines in 1967. Later, Ardell and Boyd Stevens hired me at America West Airlines. I think of Ardell and all he did for our pilot group and am so grateful to have known him. Blue Skies & Tailwinds Captain and smooth air on your Flight West...

~ Billy Walker, Ahwatukee, Arizona

Thursday, June 16, 2016

What great pictures & memories! I didn't know Grandpa very well but am glad I got to meet him. He always made me feel welcome & I remember him showing me a little bit of the garden-he was so proud! Love you all!

~ Jolene, Flagler, Colorado

Thursday, June 16, 2016

All his many friends at the old Frontier Airlines are sorry to hear of his passing. Our condolences to his family.

~ Jake Lamkins, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Thursday, June 16, 2016

My thoughts and prayers are with you this day. Ardell was one of the best ... a good friend.

~ Phil Stallings, Bedford, Texas

Thursday, June 16, 2016

CAPTAIN ARFSTEN WAS ONE ONE OF THE BEST CHECK AIRMAN IN THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY. HOW CAN I SAY THAT? He instructed me on the CV 580 as a captain, line checked me and signed me off as a captain on the B737.....Ardell was the example of the PERFECT Co Worker.....Dan Adair

~ Dan Adair, monument, Colorado

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Thank you, Ardell.

~ Harry Lambourne, PORT ST LUCIE, Florida

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Pat and family, I'm so sorry for your loss of Ardell. He was my best boss in my career in Aerospace and friend when I worked at Alaska Airlines and Dee Howard in San Antonio. I remember all the great times you, Ardell and myself had together. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know. Love and prayers. Rose Mary Barretta

~ Rose Mary Barretta, Marysville, Washington

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