

# **THE DEATH OF FRONTIER AIRLINES**

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Jake Lamkins  
26 years ago today, Frontier Airlines shut down!

Cal Wolfe  
What a sad day.

Jeff Mills  
"A date that will live in infamy"!

Maurine Cook  
It was a really sad day for most!

Martie Palser  
It still makes my heart hurt. I loved my job and the company I worked for.

Joe Keys  
Still sad to think about it, even after all these years. It's the only job I regret losing.

Robert Walker  
I remember the call I got at 5 AM.

Vicky Veldboon  
For the first 30 years of my life, I was a dependant of Frontier. As the daughter of a pilot and then as an employee myself, Frontier was my family and my livelihood. Truly the saddest day I will never forget.

Larry Harms  
They called me at home on a Sunday and said dont worry about coming in until tomorrow due to FL done. 20 years 1 month and 19 days on a job that I loved most of all that time. Most of us felt it was coming, but still hurt and still does. Many others have gone through the same thing with their companies and it looks like it is not ending yet. Several got very rich out of this, but not many of us. When they brought in Bev and the new President from Aloha or maybe it was Hawaiian Air and he later went to United, well you can figure it out with UA going into our smaller cities before we went down, they did not want us.

Mildred Jackson  
It was my birthday and I had the day off. 26 years!

Joenne Quimby  
Still hurts to this day! It was such a wonderful experience, most people will never get, and I have not had since. . . .

Larry Stivers  
I have loved alot of things in my life but this is one that I still love today one of the saddest days of my life.

Don Porter  
That day is still fresh in my memory. It was a long time before I could look at a plane in the sky and not tear up.

Doug Berkey  
How the time has gone by! Looking forward to the reunion festivites in DEN this weekend!

Buddy Griffin  
I was working in SGF I was skd to open the station that moring. When I got there Sam Jones was already there and had ever thing Frontier striped from the counter area. I knew exactly what was going on even though I didn't know how. I missed the airline a lot. I worked with really great people. Thanks for alot of great memories.

Maurine Cook

It was the beginning of the end for my brother, Mo Osborne.

Jake Lamkins

Re Mo Osborne; he probably worked more different FL stations than anyone else in FL's history.

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Penny Tritthart

It was such a sad sad day. It not only effected us, the employees, but our families as well. We took our kids to work with us and sometimes they even got to do things like riding in tugs on the ramp, help loading bags. In the out stations we were all a big family. I was in SNA that infamous day and will never forget it.

Mike White

26 years later and still a FL Family! A company doesn't make people, people make the company. We had a great company!

Robert Wear

I knew it was the end, but I had to try to go to work just to see for myself. So sad to find the doors locked. I will always remember. Thankfully we are still FLamly.

Jerry Bauer

We had just left our daughter off at college near CHI and driving back thru Iowa headed bck to LNK when they came on the radio and said that FAL had ceased flying...what a shock, no job to go back to.....!!!!

Joseph Crider

Very sad day!

Mary Beth Henderson Hardey

I was Manager of Customer Relations and had to go and re-record the company voicemail greeting stating that Frontier had officially shut down. It took me several tries because I was so upset. I had hoped to retire at Frontier, but it was not to be. So grateful to have been a part of such a great company and wonderful group of people.

Carolyn Lutz

I can't believe that it has been 26 years ago. How fast the time goes

Barb Womack

I was at a MDA softball tournament and called to go to operations at MCI. very sad day...

Judi Fenton Plumer

The greatest of it's generation...great airlines are a thing of the past

Sheree Hansen McLaughlin

Oh how I miss it ;-(

Jeff Mills

Penny Tritthart's comment reminded me of how I use to take my kids and their friends to the Airport and do the same things. One time I let them ride around on the Baggage Claim belt. No way you could do any of that today! No way would I want to work in the Industry today the way it has involved to. We are all blessed to have done it when we did and for the company we worked for. It was the best and could never be replicated any where else. NO WAY!!

Ron Abfalter

My daughter Lisa had her own hard hat at JAC. The good old days for sure.

Richard Rohrmann

Those were the days my friend. I thought they would never end.....

Jake Lamkins

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The Death of the old Frontier Airlines

Marcia Glasrud Crump

Never will forget this day 26 years ago!

Jean Smith Thompson

Second most proud day of my life was the day I was hired at Frontier (first was my daughter's birth)

Ginger Treptow

It was a sad day for all. It was worse than a death in the family. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since but I do miss the FL Family. Never as the same after that.

Mike Daciek

LAST FLIGHT

On 24 August 1986, 26 years ago, I answered the phone around four A.M. in my San Diego hotel room thinking it was my wake-up call. It was Otto calling from Denver.

"Mike, Frontier has gone out of business. Bring the airplane home, EMPTY, ASAP!" We talked for a few minutes as I needed more verification. It was hard to believe!

I notified the crew; First officer Ed Woodson, Flight Attendants, Gretchen Porter & Kathy Seisiger, to meet in the lobby right away to catch the next van for Lindberg Field.

Due to noise abatement we couldn't start the APU or engines until six or seven A.M. so I went to the bordering area to let the half-dozen non-revs know they were welcome to board my aircraft, a B-737-200, for the last non-stop flight to Denver. We left the cockpit door open and invited our "passengers" to visit with us until starting our descent to land. We were family!

Every Air Traffic Controller we talked to along our route complemented Frontier Airlines on forty years of professionalism in the air and on the ground. That brought tears to my eyes.

Forty-seven hundred employees scattered to the four winds by unscrupulous men. WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE!

We're STILL family!

Keep the blue side up!

Sarah Bara

I worked the graveyard shift in Flight Attendant Scheduling that night. Director came in & told me to start calling all the overnight crews & tell them to go straight to the airport for immediate departures back to Denver. After my shift ended, I stayed much of the there much of the day watching all the planes & crews come home. Very sad day for all of us.

Jake Lamkins

Today, 26 years ago, FL filed bankruptcy.

Jolie Haas Larder Wow, what a horrible day that was...The whiplash effect changed so many lifes:-)

Jim Meade

I was called in to work with Marv Pester and H. Lee Davis in Customer Service and Field Operations. I had to call each of the Stn Mgrs and advise them of the shutdown. If they had aircraft on RON to get them ready for an early departure to get them back to DEN prior to the news leaking to the media. We also stopped the Canada flights from leaving the country. Some very sad times.

Ed Woodson

Was on a layover in San Diego with Mike Daciek .Would not let us Takeoff early because of the curfew for noise early in the morning !!

Christina Bonatti

I was in CID and remember that we had to ferry the airplane back to denver,no passagers just the crew and our airplane. When We arrived in denver we were bused to the terminal and that was the end of my flying career and the airline I loved

Larry Stivers

What was amazing about the whole thing is that all aircraft returned to DEN safely. I remember when BN went out of business I was in DSM and they had an a/c there for about 3 months before that got it out of there.

Kim McCaleb Austin

Horrible day! I was in STL when we got the word...had to ferry the plane back w/o passengers...we popped open the liquor kits!!!! Prob shouldnt mention that part! lol

Gary Murrell

Yea, they called me at 2am and told me to meet the crew at the airport and ferry it back to DEN, then strip the counter clean. My other instructions were not to advise any staff (which I disobeyed) and not to assist any customers who arrived for the am flight (totally nasty IMO).

Joe Barker

I had taken the Gen Mgr of the Billings Sheraton Hotel and the owner of the largest travel agency in Billings along with their spouses to the Bronco game to sit in the Frontier Box for the Sat night game. We stayed at the Brown Palace Hotel and at about 3 in the morning, I got a call from Marv Pester who told me we had just shut the airline down. I was now stuck in Den with 4 non airline people plus my wife and I. I contacted UA (the were sooo helpful - not) to see about tickets back to BIL. We ended up having to buy 6 First Class seats on the flight back. As soon as we got back, the cash from the weekend deposits were still in the safe - I filled out an expense report and put it in the safe after taking the cash for the tickets out, I figured - what are they going to do - fire me? It was one of the worst weekends of my life as well as for all of our family at FL. It is a shame that such a great airline had to end this way, we had so much to offer but were killed by greedy folks that were not looking out for the employees.

Betty Saylor

My husband, Chuck Tiskos, doesn't hold a grudge. LOL He would never even consider buying General Tires and reminds family and friends the same. Every time he sees somebody on the side of the road with a flat he remarks "must be General tires" :(

Jake Lamkins

Check the Fall 2007 FL News.

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Old Frontier Airlines newsletters

Richard Medinger

I got a call early morning, telling me not to come to work, FAL had just shut down. I just went back to sleep and had the first Sunday off with my family in a long time. It is hard to walk away, so I went to work at Boeing. Learned a lot about how the airplanes we were using, were made. Enjoyed my stay at Boeing. :o)