



Jake Lamkins at Facebook on Oct 2, 2023

**FLIGHT WEST REPORTED**

**GLEN RYLAND**

**1971 - 1984**

**VICE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

**DEN**

<https://www.legacy.com/.../name/glen-ryland-obituary...>

Found his long obituary while doing a periodic web search for Frontier deaths.

He was 99 years old on Aug 10, 2023

Glen Ryland Obituary (2023) - Carmel, CA - Monterey Herald

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View Glen L. Ryland's obituary, send flowers and sign the guestbook.

Linda Miller Anderson

RIP, Mr. Ryland

Richard Broome

we all or most of us loved him!

Jan Lefler

Yes we did!!!!

Spencer Rice

We are all entitled to our own beliefs but I can tell you that in my years running the VFR program I got to know him quite well. He was an honest good man who was doing his very best to keep FL alive and kicking.

One night I came off of my 4th VFR flight of the day and walking up D I ran into Glenn. He wanted to know how I did and then he invited me into the TWA Ambassador's club for an adult beverage. During our time talking he told me 2 things..

1. When Lorenzo pulled his bankruptcy stunt he figured we had a few weeks to put Lorenzo out of business once and for all. He told me he needed UA to lower their fares and he would lower ours to match Lorenzo and drive the stake through his heart. However he added he could not legally go to UA to

suggest this and he sent them every type of possible messages he could think of that were legal. In the end Glenn told me that “UA is just to dam slow” and by the time they opened their eyes Lorenzo had the time to regain his footing.

A short time later a TWA 727 pulled up outside our windows. Glenn then told me that “by the way until just recently we were in negotiations with TWA to buy their ENTIRE domestic system and then feed their International flights”. I asked him was caused that to not happen and he said “TWA pulled out as they settled with one of their Unions and decided they could fly out of their problems” and we all know how that worked out for TWA.

So I fully agree with Jake ...United did us in whether by intent or stupidity. Their fingerprints are all over it. Glenn was a good man who did his best for us!

Karen Berry

Thank you for your thoughts on it. I doubt most of us heard this side. It makes sense. I appreciate it

Jan Lefler

Thank you Spencer for telling us about this

Sylvia Rau

Thanks for your insight into what really happened, Spence.

Ginger Treptow

May Mr. Glen Ryland Rest In Eternal Peace and my Condolences to his Family and Friends

William Delaney

Just seeing his face brings back memories of some of the best years of my life. May he rest in peace

Bob Harpin

Ditto

Ben Pacheco

R.I.P Glen may your soul be blessed.

Coy Preece

R. I. P. Mr. Ryland you inspired me and many others.

Larry Vann

Glen Ryland and Al Feldman were a great team, together! May he and Al rest in peace.

Pamella Corvelli

A really nice gentleman. Rest in peace sir.

Spencer Rice

I want to pass on one other Glen story to show you the character of the man. Here's what happened...

I was working 4 VFR flights that day with the last being a MCI-DEN leg. We were about an hour late out of MCI due DEN thunder. On the PA I gave the normal everybody is late talk and that I would be coming through the cabin giving out connecting gate information. So we are approaching DEN and getting bounced around pretty good in rain and wind causing me to hang on to the overhead. As I got to the last few rows I saw I225 go by the window and I told the rmng folks I will talk to you on the ground as I have to sit down. I quickly make my way back to my seat (2D) only to find a man sitting in my seat. I

said Sir that is my seat! He replied, and I will never forget this, "it ain't anymore"!

We were seconds from touching down on a windy wet runway and the only place I could go was the forward F/A jump seat. (She was already moving over to give me room). I grabbed the shoulder harness and sat down just as the mains touched. When I knew we were solidly on the runway I went back to the man and as politely as I could I read him the friggin riot act. He wanted my name as he was going to write a complaint letter about me and I said please make sure you spell it correctly. When we got the door opened he ran to make his connection and 4 other psgrs came to me to say they saw what happened and they were going to write letters commending me for how I handled it.

About 10 days later Glen called me in scheduling asking me what happened. I explained what happened and then asked "how did you hear about it"? He told me he had received 4 complimentary letters on how I handled it but no complaint letters and he asked if I had the "bozo's" name. I told him no but 2 of those 4 people told me he was in seat 8D. Glenn said I will find him.

So about a week later he called me back and told me they were able to reverse trace him and Glenn called him at his residence. After introducing himself and confirming he was indeed on the flight Glen told me he heard his recollection of the events, Glen told him 'you put one of my employees in danger of being injured and effective right now you are not welcome on our airline ever again.'

Robert Wear

Well said Spencer. It made remember just how much the VFR program meant to us at the time. I have a video of our initial presentation to Mr. Ryland and how he supported us through the development and implementation of the VFR program. You were the number one volunteer and we were so grateful for all the time you spent and all the revenue you brought in for Frontier.

Cherylann Morgan

Rest in peace, Glen. You were one of the good guys. Godspeed.

Carolyn Boller

After 37 years I finally read all the "reports" as to why FAL died. Each of those reports has a slightly different take on what happened. I am not sure that after all these years, my memory would serve me correctly, but I believe it was a series of "event" that in total caused the demise...I don't think it was 1 person who is totally responsible..1.Deregulation started the ball rolling--2. and then 22 cities were cut..3) O'Neill removes the Board members who were keeping FAL flying 4) posts a notice that we are for sale 5) O'Neill back Ryland into a corner and Ryland's bankruptcy statement was not helpful 6) there were no real solid buyers (the coalition spoke with every "offer" that came forward and most were not even interesting or solid) 7) employees told us "Not Lorenzo", O'Neill said he would get \$24 dollars per share, the Coalition offered \$17 and it was accepted...the very next day...the stock market showed that shares were selling for \$18 and up it went--I can't prove it but i certain the O'Neill and Lorenzo were chatting...and along comes People Express--and all Burr wanted was our assets...which we figured out too late. There were lots who wanted us to fail--and there were those who sometimes get blamed who worked with us to survive--Joe O'Gorman was one of them. I am sure I am leaving a lot out...and it's probably best unsaid....but we were and still are the best of the airline industry and you shouldn't forget it. Done.

William Delaney

So much history and I don't have the equipment to copy and paste so I can read it later

Jake Lamkins

I asked Glen once to write an essay of what happened at Frontier like I had asked Hank Lund and others. He said he would like to but his time was wrapped up tending his wife. After she died he was too depressed to get anything from him.

I contacted his son Stephen who helped me keep up with Glen for several years then he quit responding a few years ago. I was surprised to see that Stephen flew west before his dad, per Glen's obituary.

As these comments have shown, Glen was a controversial figure at Frontier. I appreciate the civility of the comments expressed by the FLamily here. It proves once again what a class act we are: We can disagree without being disagreeable about it.

I also asked Larry Martin, our last president, for his take on Frontier's last days. He promised an essay but never sent one to me.

Karen Hirschfeld

He and Feldman were an awesome team...lots of growth for the original Frontier!!

Henry Rankin

I always thought he was on our side through the end.

Roberta Brashears

He was a good man. FAL was so great under him, and Feldman! May he Rest in Peace!

Linda Christopherson

Prayers to the family

Steve Hansen

Very nice man . Many times he would show up early and ask how you things were going . Frontier was a close group and we were all proud to be a part of it .

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Christina Bonatti

He did good by us. RIP

Arthur Voss

A good friend and human being. RIP, GLR.

Coy Preece

He was a definite mentor for me while a manager in Denver

William Delaney

Hope his family is doing well

(10/27/23)