

JOHN HOFFMAN'S ONLINE FUNERARY GUESTBOOK

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CONDOLENCES

Condolence From: Harriett Burch McMillan

Condolence: Always a smile - a friend to all classmates - a sense of humor appreciated and cherished. We all remember John fondly - The class of '62 has lost a good friend.

Monday September 09, 2013

Condolence From: Pete Lamkin

Condolence: I always looked forward to flying with John. He was not only an outstanding pilot, but he was such a pleasure to be around! I never saw him without that beautiful smile of his. The world is definitely a better place for having had him here. My heart goes out to his wife and family.

Sunday September 08, 2013

Condolence From: Gordon Hadlow

Condolence: I will always remember those great days when we met at Frontier in 1978. Always a smile, and lots of humor. A true professional, both in the military and as a commercial pilot. You will be missed by many.

Saturday September 07, 2013

Condolence From: Denny

Condolence: I'll be looking for you soon. You were one of the good guys for sure. You were a pleasure to fly with and to just sit around chatting. We will miss you John.

Saturday September 07, 2013

Condolence From: Billy & Cheryl Walker

Condolence: John was one of the smoothest pilots I ever flew with & I can not recall him without a smile. John left us all too soon, but he left us knowing his was a job well done! BlueSkies&Tailwinds on your flight West Ol' Friend!

Friday September 06, 2013

Condolence From: MARY CHAMPION EDWARDS

Condolence: in flight again you will be missed. k-12

Friday September 06, 2013

Condolence From: Col Jay Gates

Condolence: I will always remember our days of softball and those ANG tournaments. We will miss the Boomer.

Friday September 06, 2013

Condolence From: Dan Albers

Condolence: John, enjoyed training with you at Frontier, and your sense of humor. Keep the runways

clear, see you soon.

Thursday September 05, 2013

Condolence From: Marty Sattler

Condolence: John, I am so saddened to hear of your departure. I will cherish the memories of flying with you and forever hold dear your friendship.. Marty

Thursday September 05, 2013

Condolence From: Jake Lamkins

Condolence: All John's many friends at the old Frontier Airlines are saddened to hear of his passing. Our condolences to his family.

Thursday September 05, 2013

Condolence From: Judy Hogan

Condolence: My dear brother, John -- you left us way too soon. However, your colorful and vivid memories will be with us all forever. Have a safe flight home and we will see you again one day!

Thursday September 05, 2013

STORIES

Chester

I met John over a year ago when he contacted me about working on his paint stallion, Chester. Chester had been a wonderful stud and he was always a gentleman. I could tell how much John cared for the horse even as we set up the appointment for Chester's first equine massage over the phone. After meeting John and Chester, I looked forward to the monthly appointments for Chester and the stories that John had to tell of his days in the Service and as a commercial pilot. We also talked about the horses that he had owned, ridden, and more importantly, loved. I didn't know John for long but I knew him enough to know how much life and love he had packed into his time here on earth. If you were lucky enough to have spent time with John, you were blessed.

Posted by Pam Pierce

Sunday September 8, 2013

Junior co-pilot

I was a new hire pilot at Continental, and learned so much from flying with the "Ex" Frontier pilots that were based in CLE around 1998. Captains such as John Hoffman, Teddy Brock, Clay Reichart and a few others truly shaped my career going forward. These were the guys I wanted to be like when I made it to the left seat. They just "got it". My favorite memory of Captain Hoffman is as follows: I was riding jumpseat on one of Captain Hoffmans last flights, he was due to retire in just a few more weeks. As we were on the downwind leg on a beautiful, sunny day in CLE, he looks at his co-pilot and says "watch this". He pulls the power back to idle, clicks off the autopilot and auto-throttles, and hand flies the aircraft to the runway, turning base and final, never once adding power to the aircraft. He makes the smoothest landing, at idle power, never once adding thrust to stabilize descent or make up for being high or low. He didn't have too. He was spot on, right on airspeed, right on glide path, touching down right where he wanted without ever advancing the throttles! This guy could fly an airplane! The only reason this didn't

make FOQA of the month, we were in a 737-300. I still tell this story to my copilots now and explain how much fun it was to fly with these Frontier pilots. God speed John Hoffman! You were a positive influence on me in many ways!

Posted by Josh Roberts

Sunday September 8, 2013

Can't take the coach out of the father

Daddy coached basketball for 2 years before I went to high school, I am number 11. He was no longer a coach but a father at the games when i got to high school. One memorable game we were playing Ft. Morgan with only 2 minutes left in the game and we were down by 3. We had possession at our baseline. The play was executed beautifully. I got the ball at the 3 point line. The moment I took the shot dad stood up in the bleachers and starts screaming "YEAH!" We went into overtime and he ended up getting thrown out for hassling the referees and their bad calls. I believe we won but he was so proud to make the swish sound for my game changing basket! I will miss getting my sports lessons from dad. Love you so much Daddy! Watch over me and help guide my life in a good direction. Love Sara Bear

Posted by Sara Bear

Saturday September 7, 2013

MY BROTHER JOHN

There is no one else quite like my brother, John. As our Mom used to say, "God broke the mold when He created John." There are so many memories of our childhood, that I would have to publish a book to tell them all. Just summarize it all to say that I am so very proud to have been his sister. He always set such high goals for himself. And he successfully reached each one of those goals. In the military, you can't get much higher than "General". In aviation, you can't get much higher than "Captain". In agriculture, you can't get much higher than owning and operating your own farm. In life, you can't get much higher than husband and father. Well, all that and so much more -- that's my brother, John. And to him, we say: We love you, we miss you, but we know we will meet up with you again one day. (Now, just try to stay out of trouble.)

Posted by Judy (Hoffman) Hogan

Friday September 6, 2013

Deployment to Holland

During a Deployment to Holland - Pam and I were roommates. One of those days I returned to our room and I noticed Pam was in her bunk and I whispered, "Pam are you asleep".....All of a sudden this booming deep voice said "No, I'm not!" I Screamed and threw my purse straight into the air. John Hoffman (Boomer) was the culprit. He laughed and laughed for minutes. I 'm sure I had a heart attack, but laughed through it. John was always teasing. He was always happy and when he married the love of his life he was ever happier. When his daughters were born he popped every button he had on. I love you Boomer - you were a good man. Love to Pam and girls. So very sorry for your loss. God Bless and keep you. Shirley

Posted by Shirley-May J. Leiker

Friday September 6, 2013

Childhood Friends

I have known John for probably sixty years as neighbors on W 60th St in Arvada. I remember we used to play war on the piles of dirt from construction of their home with the other neighbors. We all had quite the

imagination. John's family loaned my Dad a horse the allowed me to join the Arvada 4H Hoofprinters. What a great time that was, getting up a 4 in the morning to have "Target" to the horse hauler to go to various rodeos to provide entertainment. Between Hugh and Duane Chance, John, and many other neighbors we had a fantastic childhood playing together and growing up to be responsible adults. He will be missed.

Posted by Gerry Hines

Friday September 6, 2013

French Fries

I didn't know John real well - but after working with his beloved daughter Sara for 8 years - I did see him quite a bit and had some interesting chats with him. The most odd chat we had was about french fries. I explained to him that McDonald's fries were my favorite. He then set me straight and told me JB's fries were the BOMB! Of course - true to him - a week later he brought his beloved Sara some lunch and me some french fries! John was a phenomenal man and his family was his life. He will be missed.

Posted by Janette Widhalm

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