

**JOHNNIE TYLER**  
**1967 - 1986**  
**PILOT**  
**MCI DEN**

I ran into Molly Coyle in her business and Nina Angelo in the mall. I used to see Maize Graham when she worked in the mall but I think she has retired. I used to see Johnny Tyler when he worked for UPS too.

-Karen Ward Berry 76-85  
(9/23/03)

2004 MCI Reunion

Everyone gathered in front of the beautiful water fall in the hotel lobby for a group picture. Those who had started the party early and were unable to stand on their own were wedged into the middle of the group so they were supported by the crowd.

F/A's who attended (years of service)

Jo Delle (Davidson) Burwell ('79 - '82)  
Lisa (Sachetta) Ison ('77 - '85)  
Sue (Judd) Evans ('64 - '85)  
Lori (Espinoza) Day ('77 - '85)  
Cindy Hady ('74 - '85)  
Debbie (Vitera) Baldwin  
Lorraine Williams  
Barb Womack ('70 - '86)  
Jenny Chiddix ('74 - '85)  
Judy (Saladino) Sellmeyer  
Letha (Luster) Weldon-Barnthouse ('61 - '85)  
Laura (Jones) Colvin ('63 - '68)  
Deanna (Burleigh) Larson ('64 - '68)  
Gwen Mahler ('74 - Present)  
Ann (Freese) Bozarth  
Beth (Taylor) Stein ('76 - '86)  
Sally Rimer ('70 - Present)  
Sharlene Hall ('70 - Present)  
Barb Carroll ('69 - '75)  
Randy Stoddard ('79 - '84)  
Gracie Scantlin ('60 - '65)  
Liz Lane  
Sue (Cahill) Gilmore  
Dee (Patton) McGee  
Carol (Shanklin) Neff  
Barbara Wechsler  
Patty Benton ('70 - Present)  
Judi (Fenton) Plumer (Station Agent)

Pilots who were in attendance

Jack "Beetle" Bailey  
Howard Logan  
Jack "Frosty" Frost  
Dale Buss  
Skip Pennyweight  
Hal Wheeler  
Bill Neff  
Frank Malone  
Don Powell

Steve Tidler  
Fred McDowell  
Neil Miller  
Dan Scantlin  
Mike Gadow  
Jack Bozarth  
Tom Hollister  
Harvie Chaddock  
Bob Kanive  
Frank Geyso  
Clay Riecker  
Dick Bombard  
Art Rainbolt  
Bob Sampson  
Mike Hampton  
John Green  
Roy Decha  
Johnnie Tyler  
Rusty Lambert  
Randy Wright  
Ron Gallop  
Eastwood Herin  
Weldon Finney  
Hugh Thorton  
Ron Norton (Mech)  
West Sanders ( F9 Captain)  
-Phil Stallings Reunion website

Had a phone message yesterday from Roger Berry. I said tell Johnnie hello for me and he said Johnnie had health problems. He had his prostate removed around last Thanksgiving and was now going to do radiation. I told him to tell Johnnie to get well.  
-Jake Lamkins  
(3/29/05)

Hi Johnnie,  
I had a call from Roger Berry about subscribing to the FL newsletter. He mentioned your health problems and I just wanted to holler hello and tell you I'm hoping you have a fast and full recovery.  
Best wishes,  
-Jake Lamkins  
(3/29/05)

I did not know johnnie tyler has had (or has) any health problems! he has always been one of my favorites from our FAL days, and i was so thrilled he came to our reunion last year.....what is it that you've heard about his health?  
thanks so much for this information on johnnie.....this is very concerning news, and you can be sure i'll follow-up with him very soon. a check from me is in the mail to renew his subscription.....he'll owe me some cold beers!  
-Jodelle Davidson Burwell  
(3/29/05)

I just sent an email to Johnny Tyler at the address you have ... it went through okay ... he just replied and said he is doing fine now ....  
-Phil Stallings  
(3/30/05)

That's great news!  
-Jake Lamkins  
(3/30/05)

I'm sure most of you guys know Johnnie Tyler a lot better than I do. I only saw him around NASC and other stops on the road. He was always laughing and having a good time. My son, Eric, was flying with his son last week when they discovered that they each had a retired UPS pilot for a father. Well, seems that Johnnie is not doing well. The big C has gotten him. His son was headed to Texas after the trip to help his Mom. The cancer has gone into the bones so we all know how bad that is. Just thought you'd like to know if you didn't already.

-Ron Ward  
(3/8/09)

I just had the pleasure of visiting with Johnnie Tyler. He is in a treatment center in Tennessee. Life's trials have been trying to wipe that famous smile off his face, but "they ain't getting 'er done!" said Johnnie. He was operated on and has to have "the bag" for a while but is hopeful to have his plumbing re-connected later on. He has sure been thru "it!" He said they had him all "sowed up" and he is recovering. He seemed delighted to have the phone call. So, if you have a minute here's his contact information. Right now, his cell phone is best.

I keep getting this picture in my mind... Johnnie is playing his guitar with his omnipresent smile, Ace and his harmonica, Charlie Trantham playing his guitar and they are singing "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head..." You get the picture! Wouldn't that be something to have them back together jamming one of these days...

-Billy Walker  
(3/15/09)

Lisa (Sachetta) and I called Johnnie yesterday.....caught him in rehab.....he sounded good but worn out....here's the scoop on his health ---> he's been on a strong chemo for his prostate cancer.....as he shared, the chemo kills the cancer cells but also does damage to the good cells, too.....the chemo was responsible for weakening his colon and, ultimately, "blowing it out".....emergency trip to the hospital, followed by emergency surgery.....bless his heart, he's on "the infamous bag" right now, thus the reason for rehab.....the good news is he'll be returning to surgery in early april to have the colon resected and, after that, he'll be good as new.....recent MRI's have shown no metastasis of his cancer (to the bones --- such good news!!!). Please remember him in your prayers now and again in early april when he returns to surgery for the colon repair.....I will be calling periodically to check-in with him and will keep everyone posted. It was good to hear his voice and, even though tired, hear him laugh again!

-JoDelle Davidson Burwell  
(3/15/09)

Just got off the phone talking to John. He is still in re-hab and is looking to go home in one week. Getting stronger and eating better. He wanted me to tell you all that he appreciates the cards and calls he has received from everybody and he will be in touch soon. He said it was a close call and he's looking forward to be at home and do two things, something to do with a fishing rod and a guitar.

-Howard Logan  
(5/10/09)

Johnnie Tyler here, would like to get a copy of last Frontier news if you would. I am send 20 buck to get back on the list. I was looking for that article Ace wrote. Hope you are doing well and remember the good old days. Thanks, Jake!

-Johnnie Tyler  
(2/19/10)

Hi Johnnie, Great hearing from you. You can send your check to address below and thanks for your support. When did you start at CN and where besides MCI were you based? Just found out Turk Gross died in 2006. His captain's hat on sale at ebay.com alerted me. Hope you are well,

-Jake Lamkins  
(2/19/10)

Haven't heard from Johnnie for awhile, but think he's doing okay ....I need to contact him myself ... will let you know if I hear anything ...

-Phil Stallings  
(2/11/11)

In late July of 1980 I flew FSM-FYV-MCI on CV580 N-73165 serial #368, originally delivered to Sabena on 9/20/56. Up in the front office were Capt. John Tyler and F/O Fred Wilburn. The F/A was John Montgomery who was based at MCI. A great flight except nearing V1 the nosewheel shook and rattled. The skipper said maintenance forgot to balance it after changing a tire.

-William Landrum  
(7/15/13)

Just learned minutes ago that Johnie Tyler passed away this morning. The last I talked to him he lived in Tennessee. I will provide more info after I talk to Roger Berry.

-Tom Robertson  
(3/17/14)

It is with a sad and heavy heart I must inform you that Johnie passed away this morning. We were the best of friends for over 47 years. May he rest in eternal peace.

-Roger Berry  
(3/17/14)

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I just got word that Johnnie Tyler flew west this morning on St. Patrick's Day. It seems fitting he would leave us on such a day. He was a terrific guy and always a pleasure to be around.

-Jake Lamkins  
(3/17/14)

Sad news! What a wonderful human being. I can picture Johnnie and Ace "jammin'" up in Aviator's Heaven... Johnnie faught the good fight for a long long time... If anyone has earned smooth air, warm-soft tailwinds, and a bright star to steer by on their Flight West, it is Johnnie!

-Billy Walker  
(3/17/14)

Jake-Thanks for your email. I spoke to Johnie Tyler's brother this afternoon. J. N. Tyler (Johnie's brother) was a dispatcher for FAL and went on to become a dispatcher for American for over 20 years. He retired last summer.

-Tom Robertson  
(3/17/14)

Thanks, Tom, I didn't know his brother worked for FL.

-Jake Lamkins  
(3/17/14)

Remember the "Johnnie Tyler Gong Show" at Rio Rico? That was one hell of a show.....When some one started to "gong" the vice-pres's wife.....Johnnie went over and subdued them....it was funny.....he went on to host many of them in TUS DFW and more.....and his daughter singing "Elvira" (spell).....Johnny Mathews singing with those big wings on his chest not knowing what to sing but JT was feeding the lines.....was great.....he is what made the Employees golf tourney fun!

-Gary Mackie  
(3/18/14)

Johnny and I were good friends and I'll sure miss his contagious smile and good nature, not to mention the countless nights we spent at The Flair in Aurora drinking beer and listening to Country Music. He was one of the few people, and Pilots, that I never heard anything but praise and admiration for! He was loved by all and we all lost a dear friend! I know God will have a place in Heaven for him so he can sing and play his guitar, for the rest of his Angels!!

My Love and may God bless Johnny,

-John Winter  
(3/19/14)

I had a nice talk with J.N. Tyler yesterday. He Retired from AA Dispatch last summer and lives about 5 miles from where Johnnie lived. I've attached the date, times and location for Johnnie's service next week. I've also included the contact info. that

Tom Robertson passed on to you. Going to do my best to try and attend the service. Feel free to pass this info. on to anyone/everyone that you think may be interested.

Thanks,  
-Tom Robertson  
(3/20/14)

It must be a difficult time with Johnnie now Gone West. It is sad knowing even after the tough fight he battled for so long. Being with Johnnie Tyler was always a day brightener, Those of us fortunate to have known him are better for it. We can picture Ace and Johnnie sittin' on a cloud on high "jammin'" up there where the sky is azure blue, the winds so soft and warm, their instruments always in tune, and their airplanes always ready to fly. Someday, we'll all be tappin' our toes in time with their music...

-Billy & Cheryl Walker  
(3/20/14)

I couldn't agree more! Johnny was a very special friend, and he'll be missed by the throngs of people who benefited from knowing him. A worthwhile goal for all of us would be to be as well-liked and admired as Johnny. I hope he'll have room for us in his audience in heaven when we're all together listening to him play and sing.

-Dave Sanctuary  
(3/20/14)

Jonnie Lamar Tyler

Myself and my family are deeply saddened by the passing of our dear friend Johnnie Lamar. He always got a big grin on his face when I called him that. You all know the that grin I am speaking of. It is one of the characteristics that made John special. John and my deceased husband FAL Capt. Danny Cobb were like brothers. They were a part of the old Frontier. They were the best that couldn't be matched, then or now. We love you Johnnie Lamar. You will be missed by all that knew you. Rest in Peace, Mighty Warrior

-Janice Cobb  
(3/21/14)

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TYLER, J L

ALPA# 0335828

DOB 12/08/39

DOH 05/22/67

RET 05/01/01

per the FL/ALPA Roster.

Pilot seniority date of 5/22/67

per the 9/1/86 FL/ALPA Seniority List.

-Jake Lamkins  
(3/26/14)

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MCI DEN pilot Johnnie Tyler's memorial webpage is posted.

[http://FAL-1.tripod.com/Johnnie\\_Tyler.html](http://FAL-1.tripod.com/Johnnie_Tyler.html)

-Jake lamkins  
(3/27/14)