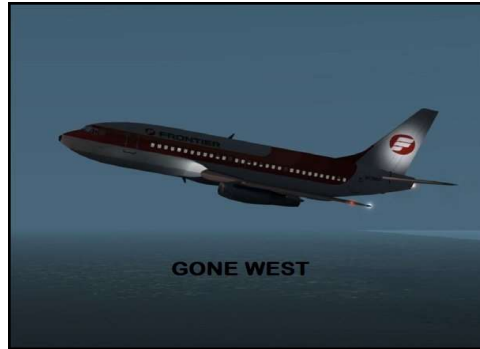


ROY HENRY HAMPSON

April 10, 1938 - February 19, 2023

“Come Fly with Me”



Roy Henry Hampson flew West on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at the age of 84. A son, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Roy loved his family, airplanes, flying and traveling.

After completing his training in Aviation Maintenance at Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology in Tulsa Oklahoma, Roy began his lifelong career working as a maintenance technician for commercial airlines. His first airline after A&P school was Trans Texas Airlines in Houston, Texas.

His longest and most memorable work experience was with Frontier Airlines (1968-1986). As a valued employee at Frontier, Roy fixed everything on the airplane, from seat belts to engines. He received awards for safety suggestions and spent most of his career working the night shift.

When Frontier Airlines closed in 1986, Roy took the front passenger seat out of his '66 VW Beetle to make just enough room to get his toolbox home. Within a few months, Roy landed a job with Northwest Airlines in Detroit, Michigan. He had one long commute for the remainder of his career at Northwest Airlines (1986-2003) because Roy flew home to Denver each week or so to be with his family. He didn't mind the long commute. Roy loved to fly. Roy retired from Northwest on October 20, 2003 – exactly seventeen years to the date he was hired at Northwest.

During his maintenance checks on airplanes, Roy often found personal belongings passengers had left behind. Sometimes, he would find important items, such as wallets with cash, driver licenses and credit cards. When the passenger addresses could be located, Roy always returned everything he found. He always paid the postage and never asked for payment or a reward. His reward was the act of kindness he paid forward. In his work memorabilia are many letters from passengers expressing thanks for his kindness in returning the lost items.

Roy will be remembered by his family and friends as a kind, simple, patient man, who loved airplanes, loved to fly and always read the comics and the reader's digest.

Roy and Sonia Hampson were married 61.5 years. He is survived by his wife, 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted on March 1, 2023. Roy is buried in Michigan.