Some of our Golden Eagles members have provided tributes to former Continental Captain Jim Richman who took his last flight West last Thursday. Our members` comments are posted below for the benefit of those of our members who knew Jim.

From Captain Jim Caldwell:

Jim was one of the first pilots I flew with, as a new hire, in 1968. We always had some great trips together and I will always remember him as one of the great LAX pilots.

Jim Caldwell

From Captain Wayman Curry:

I cannot ever remember seeing Jim without a smile on his face!   One of the nicest men I ever flew with.
Have a pleasant trip west, my friend!

Wayman Curry

From Captain Jerry Hunsinger:

I flew with Jim back in the B707 days; he as an F/O and I was a S/O, at the time. He was a great guy. I haven't seen him in more years than I like to recall, but a story comes to mind with his passing.

All the old CAL guys who knew Jim, will recall the story, because I think it was everywhere. Jim was a S/O at the time, and if you will recall he had a real baby face in those days, looking lots younger than he really was.
Anyway, as the story goes, it came time for the cockpit crew to eat their crew meal, and the flight attendant - none other than our old friend, Pat Willems - came up to the cockpit to ask the guys what they wanted to drink with their meals. In

due course she received the drink orders from the Captain and the F/O, and turned to Jim.

Before he could say anything, she put her arms around his head and pulled him in close, saying, "Never mind, Honey, I'll breast feed you."

Since I knew both Jim and Pat, I think it sure could have happened that way. At least that's seems to be the way I recall it.

God speed, Jim, you were a nice guy and a good pilot. And, for us, that says it all.

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