



The sad news that former Continental Captain and Golden Eagles member Captain Steve Grimes has flown West was just received from a friend and former Continental Flight Attendant Pam Crawford. A portion of the email we received from Pam is posted below:

..... Hi Dave! Pam Crawford here... not sure if you remember me... we flew together wayyy back in the 70s.... (of course I remember her!...a lovely and charming lady)

I don't know if anyone told you of Steve`s death, which happened on July 7th... I saw it in our local paper, as we ended up living in the same small Michigan town, and on the same Lake! I just went to his funeral this past Saturday and picked up one of the programs so I could send it to you so you can pass it on in case you hadn't heard. After the service, they had a gathering at a local restaurant, that was his favorite, and there was a Fly Over, which was Very Cool.....

Take Care Dave! Pam

Thanks to Pam for providing this information to us.

The Golden Eagles sends condolences to Steve`s family at this difficult time, and we wish them peace and comfort as they bid farewell to their loved one. May Steve have smooth air, favorable winds and clear skies for his final journey. Rest in peace Captain, and Godspeed on your flight West. You will be missed old friend.

Captain Grimes` obituary:



Captain Stephen (Steve) D. Grimes

September 21, 1932 - July 7, 2023

Stephen D. Grimes, age 90, of Rockford, MI concluded his final flight check on Friday, July 7, 2023 and is in the Lord's care flying higher than he ever did during his earthly existence. Steve was preceded in death by his first wife of 65 years, Janice who passed away from complications of Alzheimer's and his parents Marie and Edward Grimes, Professor of English at the former Grand Rapids Community College. Steve is survived by his loving wife, Dawn (Truskowski)

Grimes, his children, Kathleen (Ron) McCallister, Drew (Cathy) Grimes and Renee' Grimes; his grandchildren, Kendall (Caitlin) Grimes, Stephanie (Joel) Carrick and Trevor Stratmeyer plus five lovely great-grandchildren. His stepchildren, Heather (Anthony) Fitzpatrick and Bret (Missy) Truskowski and his step-grandchild, Stephen Edward Fitzpatrick. Steve graduated from Central High School in the class of 1950. He served in the Navy during the Korean War as an aerial photographer. After his discharge, he attended the University of Miami and Embry-Riddle School of Aviation. His flying career spanned over 35 years with an accumulation of over 20,600 flying hours. He retired from Continental Airlines with over 28 years of service flying both domestic and south pacific destinations. In those years, the aircraft that Steve flew included DC-3's, Convair's, Visvount's, Boeing 727, 707, 720, 320, 747 and the DC-10. Still desiring to stay in aviation after retirement, he worked for Federal Aviation Administration for seven years as an Aviation Safety Inspector, Airline Flight Operations, performing pilot flight checks, accident investigations, in-flight violations and assorted duties in the Los Angeles area. Steve retained his aviation ties into retirement by membership in the Golden Eagles (Continental Retired Pilots) and the Quiet Birdmen (QB) organization. After moving to Rockford, MI on Silver Lake to retire, he was loved by many friends in the Rockford, MI area. Memorial services for Steve were held at 2:00 pm on Friday, July 21, 2023 at the Pederson Funeral Home, 127 N. Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341 with military honors being conducted by the Kent County Veteran's Honor Guard and the United States Navy. Steve's family greeted relatives and friends from 1:00 pm until the time of services at the funeral home. A private family interment took place at Restlawn Memorial Gardens. The family welcomes messages and memories in their online guestbook at www.plaisierfuneral.com, Monroe Street location.



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