



The sad news that former Continental pilot Steve Pandolfo has flown West was just received from Golden Eagles member Captain George "Buck" Wroten. The Golden Eagles sends condolences to Steve`s family for their loss. Rest in peace Captain, and Godspeed on your final flight West.

The notice from the family was produced by Steve's son and is reproduced below.



Steve Pandolfo

My father Stephen (Steve) Anthony Pandolfo passed away on July 12, 2023 in Castelnuovo del Garda, Italy after a brief illness. He was 86 years old. After retiring from flying and a brief stint working for Flight Safety/Boeing, he eventually moved to Italy in 2007.

He started his professional aviation career flying cargo and charters with Zantop Air Transport in 1962 where he flew the DC-6, DC-7, and the C-46. In 1966 he moved to Braniff International and stayed there until the bankruptcy in 1982. During his time at Braniff, he was based in Miami, Dallas, and New York. While at Braniff, he flew the following aircraft: BAC 1-11, DC-8, Boeing 707, 727, and 747. In addition to US domestic routes, he also flew Central and South American routes as well as London and Hawaii. The bulk of his Braniff career was as a Captain on the 727.

After the bankruptcy, he worked for a time as a contract pilot for Overseas National Airways(2nd incarnation) flying charters. In 1983, he started flying as a First Officer for Egypt Air. Towards the end of 1983, he started flying for Continental Airlines with their Air Micronesia (Air Mike) division out of Guam on the 727. Towards the end of his tenure there, he got certified on the Airbus A300 B4.

He moved on to Japan Air System in 1987 as Captain on the A300. He lived in the Tokyo area (Yokohama) until 1992. In 1993, he moved to Sempati Air flying the A300 while based in Jakarta, Indonesia until the end of 1994.

From January-March of 1995, he worked for APA Dominican Airlines as an A300 captain based in Santo Domingo. In March of 1995, he moved to Manila to fly the A300 for Grand International Airways.

The beginning of 1996 saw him move to Kingston, Jamaica as an A300 Captain for Air Jamaica. In October of 1996, he returned to Cairo, Egypt, again for Egypt Air, this time as an A300 Captain until January 1997. After that, he worked as a simulator instructor/check pilot for Flight Safety/Boeing in the Miami area until retiring "for good".

He lived in France for a while, until finally settling in Peschiera del Garda, Italy on the southern shore of Lake Garda.



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