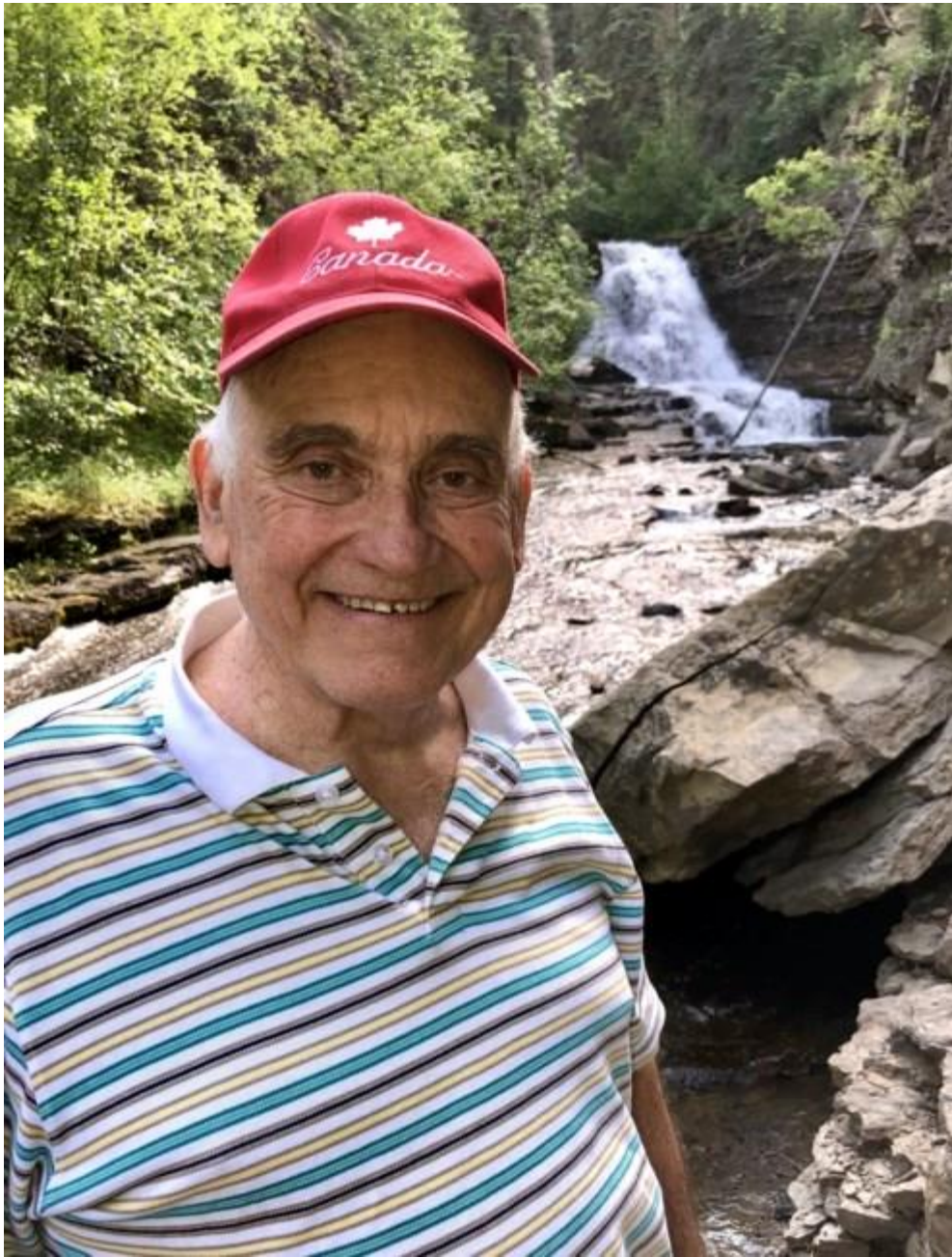




The obituary for former Continental pilot Captain Larry Vinther was just provided by Golden Eagles member Captain Bob Stetser. Larry`s obituary is posted below:

# Larry Nelson Vinther

DECEMBER 8, 1942 – JANUARY 26, 2023



Larry Nelson Vinther went to his heavenly home at the age of 80 on January 26, 2023, after a brief illness.

During this time, and throughout his life, Larry's devout faith in the Lord gave him strength.

Larry was born December 8, 1942 in Brady, Texas. His love of flying began early, and he went on to become a pilot.

Larry attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas, Texas, graduating in 1959. He later studied at both Abilene Christian College and East Texas State University.

He first learned to fly from his father, an airline pilot. Larry began his own career with Eastern Airlines, and finished with Continental Airlines. It was while flying with Eastern that he met the love of his life, flight attendant and licensed pilot in her own right, Judy Brightbill. They were married for 55 happy years, living in Atlanta and later settling in Conroe, Texas.

After retiring in 2001, Larry and Judy pursued their shared love of travel, seeing the world and making friends wherever they went. They enjoyed their summers in Canada, but above all, loved going on cruises.

Larry's many hobbies included being a ham radio operator (call sign N5LV) and watching baseball, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He adored his grandchildren and never missed an opportunity to let them know.

Larry and Judy made many friends in their travels, but their roots run most deep in Conroe, especially their 40 years with Conroe Church of Christ.

In addition to Judy, Larry is survived by his sister Sue Dillard and brother-in-law Owen; his three children and their spouses: Kevin Vinther and wife Laura, Stacie May and husband Brett, and Victoria Cheney and husband Chris; and grandchildren: Kile, Alexis, Nicholas, and Lucas.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Iris Vinther of Dallas, Texas.

Services were held on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 2:00pm in Cashner Colonial Hall (801 Teas Road Conroe, Texas 77303). Visitation at 1:00pm with a private interment to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of your choice in Larry's name would be appreciated. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.cashnerconroe.com](http://www.cashnerconroe.com) for the Vinther family.



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