



We continue to receive remembrances of Captain Jim Richman and Captain Mark Meyer; they are posted below. Also posted is the obituary for Mark Meyer.

We provide these notices and tributes for all deceased former Continental and United Pilots to our members when they are provided by a Golden Eagles member. We feel our members appreciate the opportunity to say goodbye to and to acknowledge their friendship with their airline friends who have flown West and to share their thoughts with other members in this forum. As retirees, the memories of our airline flying days are precious to us, and this is one way we can keep those memories alive.

From Dorothy Clegg, re Jim Richman:

This is going to be a little long, grab a beverage of choice. I first met Jimmy in the 80's when I was a DC-10 FO in HNL. It was a Sydney trip and I had the leg back to HNL by a stroke of luck and a wet runway I made a very smooth landing. Once we finished the parking checklist he looked over at me and said "don't you know that FOs are not supposed to make better landings than the CA" with a big smile on his face. That was the beginning of a long friendship.

As most of you know Jimmy was an avid sailor (additionally, marathon runner, tennis player and marksmanship), he phoned me one day and wanted help moving from Kaneohe to town. (Oh, I don't like helping people move went through my mind). However, his definition of moving was sailing his boat from Kaneohe to town. I learned so much that day on the water with him, and laughed the whole way around the island.

Jimmy, Pattie and I (and whoever I was dating at the time) shared many meals (martinis and wine) either on the boat, my house or their condo. Holidays were celebrated with each other's families at various places around the globe. (New Zealand, Buenos Aries and NYC too). My brother and I flew to Paris to join him for his retirement celebration and spend a few days being tourists with Jimmy and Pattie. Additionally, I was forever changing and trading trips to make sure when Jim and Pattie traveled somewhere I flew, I would have the trip so we could have dinner together downline.

Jimmy became a mentor to me, I would phone him consistently with various questions about flying, the union and

interpretation on various procedures and policies. He was a wealth of knowledge and so willing to share. The calls changed once the merger happened, now I would call just to download on the challenges with the two opposing cultures. His knowledge and positive attitude helped me stay focused on the bigger picture of keeping things safe on the flight deck and not being dragged down the "merger rabbit hole".

I am so grateful for our friendship. I learned so much from him over these 30+ years which made me a better pilot. Jimmy was a great pilot and aviator; his smile and laugh were infectious and he had a heart of gold, and he was always there for his family and friends... Jimmy, I am lucky to have a flight bag full of good memories, however I am still going to miss you..... Thanks for always being there.

Dorothy Clegg

From Jack Norman, re Mark Meyer:

I was shocked to learn about Mark Meyer. He always was so much bigger than life with a smile and zest for life and his family that was inspiring. He was always so positive, a real can do spirit. He touched so many in only the best of ways. Though I've not seen him for a number of years, I will never forget Mark Meyer.

Jack Norman

From Jim Moore, re Mark Meyer:

Mark was one of the best, most Professional men I have known. It is very sad to hear that he is gone at such a young age.

Jim Moore

From Sean Heath, re Mark Meyer:

I worked with Mark in the training dept. Due to an unfortunate medical condition with no LTD, he ended up working as an APD earning significantly less pay than his contemporaries for years, highly regarded as an instructor, never complaining. A super individual.

Sean

We just received a copy of the obituary for Mark Meyer from a friend of Marks, Beau Brant, and it is posted below:

Passing of Captain Mark Meyer- B737 I/E, Ret.



Boeing 737 Captain I/E Mark Meyer passed away last weekend in the morning of October 22, 2017. Mark grew up in the east coast and attended Glasgow High School in Montana. He married his wonderful wife Kim and raised three boys in Evergreen, Colorado. Mark started flying young, earned a BS at USAF Academy in 1972 and started flying in the USAF reserves at Buckley Air Guard Base in the 140th tactical Fighter Wing in the F100, A7 and F-16. While working on his military career, he got hired at the Continental Airlines in 1978 and flew the DC-9 and 737 aircraft. Mark was a DC-9 LCA and 737 LCA and in 1995 was on his way to earning a command position at Buckley AFB, it was discovered he had a heart condition that would end his line flying and military flying. In 1994/1995-2010 he ended up teaching full time in the simulator on the 737 and helped to be a key developer of the 737 ETOPS program. Many of the I/E's at DENFTC were trained by Mark. Mark touched people everywhere he went and really left a great impression with people. He would give extensive hours on his own time to go above and beyond in teaching as well as listening and talking with his ministry work. He was one of the most compassionate and selfless people you could meet.

After retirement, he went on with a extensive second career. Mark earned a degree in seminary school at Fuller Theological Seminary and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and became an ordained minister at the Evergreen Lutheran Church. He was so well respected and touched a lot of people. Mark was fortunate to receive a new heart last December and was such a great recovery, he was able to run and exercise again. He recovered so well, he did a triathlon at 7 months post-operation and this last weekend ran a half-marathon in Utah near Lake Powell. Mark just completed a triathlon a few months ago, bike ride across the Continental divide and this pass weekend was third in his age group running a half marathon in Utah near Lake Powell. He passed this past early Sunday morning. He is survived by his wife Kim, three boys: Christopher, Eric and Patrick and their grandchildren.

Cards can be sent to Meyer family:

8300 Tim Tam Trail Evergreen, Colorado 80439.

There will be a memorial service next Thursday, 2pm at Bethany Lutheran Church on Hampden in Denver. All who know and love him are welcome, military or pilot uniforms. His ashes will be buried on Thursday on the grounds of the Air Force Academy.



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