



Golden Eagles member Captain Don Griffin has provided the following sad news regarding the last flight West of former Continental Captain Jack Quaintance. The Golden Eagles sends its condolences to Jack's family and wishes Jack Godspeed on his final flight West.

Jack was not a Golden Eagles member, but this information is being shared with our members as a courtesy to Jack's memory, to his friends and family and to those of our members who may have known and flew with Jack.

There will be a celebration of life for Jack in Aurora, Oregon. Details are included in the attached obituary. Jack's wife Helen is inviting you to attend. If you have any questions, you can call her at [503.367.1508](tel:503.367.1508).



Captain Jack Quaintance 1950-2017

Jack Quaintance passed away on December 3, 2017 at the age of 67.

Jack's adventures began at an early age. In his early teens he baited many a line on his father's commercial fishing boat in Depoe Bay, Oregon. This experience at sea with his father later led to his desire to own his own sailboat. He navigated an exciting voyage in his mid twenties, sailing from San Diego, around the tip of Baja Mexico, and into the Sea of Cortez. He and his two crew-mates were often delighted to be escorted by large numbers of dolphins. Hot air ballooning was his next adventure. You could often see his purple and yellow balloon floating in the sky above the Willamette Valley.

But it was his love for flying that dominated his life. It began with his father taking him to Mulino Airport. Jack was still attending Molalla High School when he was hired to pump gas, wash airplanes, and mow the runway. (Popping an occasional tractor wheelie!) It wasn't long before he had his private pilot's license and later an instructor's license. He was mentored in the field of aviation by Carl Dietz (whom he held in high esteem). Jack attempted to pass on what he learned from him, jumpstarting the careers of over 100 professional pilots and mechanics. In 1977 Jack became the youngest FAA Designated Pilot Examiner in the Pacific Northwest. In his early career, during the 1970's, many people

flew with Jack to Punta Pescadero at the tip of Baja Mexico. There they experienced great fishing and pristine scenic beauty. Later, Jack set his sights on flying commercial jets. He had a distinguished career, first flying for Braniff, and later Continental Airlines, eventually becoming a Line Check Captain. He flew many places in the world including Tegucigalpa, Honduras which is known to have the airport with the world's trickiest landing. Some say a night landing on a moving aircraft carrier would be considered easier!

Jack was preceded in death by his father Jack Quaintance, Sr. He is survived by his loving wife Janet, mother Helen Quaintance, and brother Larry Quaintance (Barbara).

Jack is inviting you to accompany him on one last flight in a celebration of life. Please come and raise a glass and share a JQ story. Food and drinks will be plentiful the way Jack always did it.

Saturday, January 13th

5:00-8:00 p.m.

The Columbia Aviation Association Club House

Aurora State Airport

14323 Stenbock Way N.E.

Aurora, Oregon 97002.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to:

The AFTD <http://www.theaftd.org/>

The Oregon Humane Society <https://www.oregonhumane.org/>

Videos:

Jack Quaintance's Journey <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtBVav7hbhw&feature=youtu.be>

Jack's Big Balloon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtBVav7hbhw&feature=youtu.be>



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