



The sad news that retired Continental Captain Tom Thompson took his last flight West was just received. His obituary is posted below. The Golden Eagles sends its condolences to Captain Thompson's family and hopes they find peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Tom was not a Golden Eagles member, but we are sharing the notice of his passing with our members as a courtesy to his memory, to his family and to our members who may have known and flown with him during their career at Continental.

Rest in peace Captain, and God Speed.



TOM THOMPSON – Flown West



Tom Thompson
1948-2018

Kay Thompson reports that her wonderful husband, Tom H. Thompson, son of Braniff Captain W.W. "Tommy" Thompson passed away just 4 days after he turned 70 on July 24, 2018. They had just had a huge party for him and so many old friends came. He had been suffering for almost two years from rheumatoid arthritis. Tom and Kay have two Sons, Bryce and Chris, and two wonderful grandchildren, Jayden and Bella Thompson. Tom will be buried in the Houston National Cemetery September 14th at 1:15 PM sharp, lane 2, outdoor pavilion. Memorials can be made in his name to the [Wounded Warrior Project](#).

Tom was a Staff Sergeant in the US Army Special forces (Green Berets) where he was a combat leader and medical specialist in The Vietnam War. After graduating from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Tom started his flying career as a civilian pilot using the GI Bill. He got his initial flight experience as a flight instructor and then was hired by Braniff in 1977. After Braniff folded its wings in 1982, Tom got on with Orion Airlines then came back briefly to Braniff 2 in 1985. A career opportunity presented itself when [Continental Airlines](#) called later that year. Tom retired in 2012 – The final trip was even more special because Tom's son Christopher, who is also an airline pilot, joined him in the cockpit. Tom was living in Montgomery, TX when he passed away.
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