



Captain Larry Mechem`s wife, Linda, has provided more information regarding the details of Larry`s recent passing. Her email containing the information is posted below. Again, we send our condolences to Linda and her family for their unfortunate loss.



Captain Larry Mechem

Dave, Larry did not want an article written in our paper here in Barnesville, Ga. so I wrote up something that you can take and re-write to fit the need for a little something to reflect what a wonderful man he was . Words cannot express how much he touched the lives of those around him. So, here we go! Plus, I am attaching a picture of Larry!

Larry Mechem, retired Continental pilot passed away July 26, 2019.

Larry Mechem, of Barnesville, Georgia, a beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away from Squamous Cell Carcinoma on July 26, 2019 at age 76. He is survived by his

wife, Linda, brother, Roger Mechem of Bremen, GA, another brother, Dick Mechem of Morgan, UT, and sister DeeAnn Kerns of Yucca Valley, GA. Two daughters, Lisa Alcantar of Apple Valley, CA., Maria Salisbury of Cedar City, UT, and son Robert Mechem of Atlanta, GA. He is also survived by many grandchildren, including great and great, great-grandchildren.

Larry was born in Aberdeen SD to Max and Ethel Mechem on March 19, 1943. He grew up in Clarion, Iowa and later moved to southern California where he graduated from high school. He also attended San Bernardino Valley College and received his A&P License. After working a short while as a mechanic, he decided to learn to fly, a life-long dream. Flying was the thing Larry was born to do, he loved it and had a career that spanned over fifty years. He flew for Evergreen, Hawaiian, Zantop and lastly retiring from Continental as Captain on the 777. But, he was not finished; he flew a Lear Jet as a contractor until his surgery for cancer in January of 2019. He had plans of returning back to work in February, but that was a dream that would not come true.

Larry was always an excellent aviator, a gentleman, a kind and compassionate soul who would go out of his way to help anyone. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. As per Larry's wishes, there will not be a funeral, his remains were cremated, and his ashes will be scattered from a plane later this year. He was a simple man who loved to fly and right now, he has flown West away from pain and suffering. God speed!!

Thank you Dave, I really appreciate everything you are doing!!
Linda Mechem



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