



The sad news that former Frontier and Continental pilot Bill McCaffrey took his last flight West was just received. His obituary is posted below. The Golden Eagles sends its condolences to Bill's family and wishes them peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Even though Bill was not a Golden Eagles member, we are notifying our members of his last flight West as a courtesy to his friends and family and to those who may have flown with him during their airline career.



William Francis McCaffrey

Obituary

- - It is with great sadness that the family of William Francis McCaffrey announces his passing peacefully at his home on Sunday January 28th, 2018 at the age of 84. He is preceded in death by wives Sharon McCaffrey, Ellen McCaffrey, and Jane McCaffrey; as well as his brother Jimmy McCaffrey, sister Mary Ann Walker, and parents George and Jule McCaffrey.

He is lovingly remembered by all of his children Shannon McCaffrey, Molly McCaffrey, Peggy Calvert, Michael McCaffrey, Eileen Casper, James McCaffrey, Paddy McCaffrey-Allen, Janie Widman, Sandy Schmitt, Kim Saltzstein and Kristin Moulden; his 18 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He is survived by his brother Patrick McCaffrey of Columbus, Ohio and Katherine McCaffrey of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Bill, call sign "Zipper", is a veteran pilot of the Vietnam War where he served with distinction as a Lieutenant Colonel for 16 years in the Marine Corps before devoting over 20 years as a commercial airline pilot for Frontier and Continental Airlines.

He took pride in his family and his craftsman abilities, always wanting to create wooden masterpieces by hand. His family and friends can attest to his never wavering discipline and patriotism that he learned as a Marine pilot.

A viewing and memorial service will be held Monday February 5th 2018

at 5pm-6pm followed by a rosary said in his name from 6pm-7pm at Community Church of New Thought, 5013 E. Broadway Rd., Mesa, AZ 85206.

A funeral mass will be held Tuesday February 6, 2018 at 10:30 am at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 2654 E. Williams Field Rd., Gilbert, AZ 85295.

Memorial donations may be made to a cause dear to Bill's heart: St. Jude's Hospital or U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

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