



The sad news that retired Continental Airlines pilot David Becker recently took his last flight West was just received. David`s obituary is posted below.

The Golden Eagles sends its condolences to David`s family and wishes them peace and comfort at this difficult time.



Obituary for David William Becker

January 6, 1946 - January 26, 2018
Redmond, Washington | Age 72

On Friday, January 26th, beloved husband and father Dave Becker passed away peacefully into the arms of his Heavenly Father. He was surrounded by his family - deeply loved and supported through his transition. Our family is heartbroken, yet at peace that Dave is finally free from the restraints of his ailing body. He lived with Parkinson's Disease for over 20 years and fought recurring sepsis over the past 9 months.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents (William and Zelma Becker) and sister (Dolores Lyles). He is survived by his wife (Jan Becker),

children (Jennifer, Tricia, and Bryan), grandchildren (Eva and Matthew Becker-Backlund), and sister (Diana Becker Mullins).

Dave lived an incredible life filled with accomplishments. He was born in Ithaca, New York, on January 6th, 1946. He had an adventurous childhood living overseas in Israel, Italy, Libya, Cambodia, and the Philippines, while traveling throughout Africa, Europe, and Asia. He then attended Buffalo State College where he met the love of his life, Jan, before teaching in Rochester, New York. Dave continued his world travels when he entered the U.S. Air Force and flew the C-141 and the C-5 Galaxy, the then largest aircraft in the world. After serving in the Vietnam War, Dave continued his military career and achieved the rank of Captain. One of his most proud achievements was being chosen for a special mission flying to McMurdo Station in Antarctica in support of research efforts.

After his service in the USAF, Dave flew commercially for Continental Airlines, flying the 727 and retired as a Captain from Alaska Airlines, flying the MD-80. Dave lived in Woodinville, WA for 34 years with his wife of 47 years and their three children. He loved spending time with his family camping and traveling and always supported his children's education and extracurricular activities. Dave and Jan became founding members of Bear Creek United Methodist Church where he was an active member for 25 years. He loved God deeply and his Christian faith carried him through any adversities he faced.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at Bear Creek United Methodist Church in Woodinville on Saturday, February 3rd at 4pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the [Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research](#) or the Northwest Parkinson's

Foundation.



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