



The Golden Eagles has just received the sad news that retired Continental Captain Kenneth "Ken" Smith flew West on December 9, 2018. Even though Ken was not a Golden Eagles member, our policy is to notify our members whenever a former Continental pilot flies West; therefore we are providing this notice to honor Ken`s memory, as a courtesy to his family and to notify those of our members who may have known Ken.

The Golden Eagles sends its condolences to Captain Smith`s family and wishes them peace and comfort at this difficult time. RIP Captain, and Godspeed on your final flight West.

Additional details regarding Captain Smith`s passing are provided below.

Kenneth "Ken" Elwood Smith  
July 9, 1940 - December 9, 2018

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

*Kenneth Elwood Smith, 78, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend of Houston, Texas passed away Sunday, December 9, 2018. Ken was born on July 9, 1940 in Portsmouth, Ohio to Oscar and Calista Smith and they lived in Clarktown, OH.*

*Ken graduated from Lucasville High School in 1958 in Ohio. After graduation, he moved to Columbus, OH to work at Lake Central Airways. He then moved to Tulsa, OK to attend Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology. He met his bride, Wanda Roberts, in Tulsa and they married and moved to Houston, TX in 1961.*

*Ken was a proud airline pilot for Trans Texas Airways, Texas International, and Continental Airlines. Ken was a Co-Pilot and after 2 years became a Captain. He was soon promoted to Check Pilot and Assistant Chief Pilot with Texas International. He enjoyed the view from above the clouds for 20 years.*

*Ken was also an entrepreneur. He and Wanda owned Ken's Printing and Office Supplies and they remained in business for 33 years.*

*A natural story teller, Ken had a gift for making people feel good. He never met a stranger. Ken had a larger than life personality with a continuous positive perspective, and a kind and genuine soul. His love for his wife was immeasurable, he was proud of his son and daughters, and he doted on his grandchildren.*

*He was a great guy with a big heart who would do anything to help others. It was his love for family, though, that defined who he was. That love lives on in them.*

*Ken is survived by his bride of 57 years, Wanda Smith, daughters Teresa Hughes and Kristen Smith, granddaughters, Calista Hughes and Emma Grace Hughes, grandson, Travis Hughes, son-in-law, Joel*



**KENNETH ELMWOOD SMITH**

## **FACTS**

*Born:* July 9, 1940

*Death:* December 9, 2018

## **GUESTBOOK**

Share your thoughts and memories in the guestbook.

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## **MEMORIAL**

## **DONATIONS**

Memorial donations can be made to:  
Shriner's Hospital or NAMI Greater Houston

*Hughes, nieces Karen Howard and Donna Shuter and several cousins.*

*He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Calista Smith, sister, Louise Shuter, and son, Kenneth Scott Smith.*



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Funeral Services were held on Saturday December 15, 2018 at Klein Memorial Park in Houston.



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