



The sad news that Golden Eagles member Captain Chester James took his last flight West yesterday, December 11, 2019, was just received from Golden Eagles member Dave Ernest. A letter from Chester's family is posted below.

The Golden Eagles sends its condolences to Chester's family and wishes them peace and comfort at this difficult time. We also wish for Chester smooth air, favorable winds and clear skies for his final flight. Rest in peace Captain, and Godspeed.

Chester K. James

Dear Friends of Chester,

Captain Chester James took his final flight west yesterday, December 6th, 2019. We are all saddened by this huge loss to our family. As many of you are aware, Chester suffered from a very rapid and aggressive onset of Alzheimer's disease. We are grateful that he no longer suffers and is now in a much better place.

Chester was born on February 4th, 1947 in Park Rapids, Minnesota. He spent his childhood in several countries across the world while his father was in the Air Force, until they eventually planted roots in Colorado. After high school, Chester moved to Fort Collins, a place he would always call "home." He graduated from Colorado State University with a bachelor's degree in biology but found his true calling once he joined the Navy and fell in love with the P-3 Orion, a favorite plane of his.

In 1977 Chester was hired by Continental Airlines, and quickly advanced to Captain. He is best known for his years spent as a beloved Chief Pilot at the Houston, Texas base. Many of his colleagues have told us he was a fantastic leader and always an advocate for the pilot group. He was known for being fair, fun and doing all he could to support his fellow pilots.

But for us, his family, Chester was a loving husband and father. He was always positive and uplifting, and truly found joy in making his family happy. He loved spending time with us; riding horses, camping and enjoying the outdoors any time he could. He had an infectious smile and laugh, a guiding voice and the kindest heart.

Chester is survived by his wife Kathy, his children Tiffany, Ty and Tanner, and his grandchildren, Maryn, Brenden, and Indy.

We have all really enjoyed reading your memories of Chester and would like to share some of them at his celebration of life. If you have a memory of Chester (just a few sentences), please send it to ChesterJamesFamily@gmail.com - thank you in advance!

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Green Room, located at 344 East Mountain Ave, Fort Collins CO 80524, from 1:00pm-4:00pm on Sunday December 15th, 2019.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in memory of Chester to Elderhaus Adult Day Program, where Chester spent many of his days early in his disease. Elderhaus continues to support adults with disabilities in a safe, engaging environment tailored to their needs. Please visit elderhaus.org and select the yellow "donate" button in the top the page. Cards for the family may be mailed to Chester James family, 6962 Pettigrew St., Wellington, CO 80549.

With Gratitude,
Kathy, Tiffany, Ty and Tanner



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