



The sad news that retired Continental Captain Bill Steele has flown West has been provided by Golden Eagles member Captain Jerry Dixon. The Golden Eagles sends its sincere condolences to Captain Steele's family and we wish them peace and comfort as they say goodbye to their loved one.

*Here is Captain Dixon's email informing us of Bill's passing:
Sunday December 11, 2022 Captain Bill Steele flew west. A service is planned for December 22, 2022 at the Sunset funeral home at 480 Resler, El Paso TX, at 1100 MST. Internment will be at Ft. Bliss National cemetery Friday December 23 at 1030. Bill was an Air Force pilot in the 1950's and joined Continental Airlines in 1959. He was based in the Denver and El Paso prior to 1983. He is survived by his wife Anne Steele and several children and step children. Cards or letters may be sent to Anne's address, 6368 La Posta Dr., El Paso, TX 79912. Bill was an avid golfer until his health declined. He was 91 years old. His obituary was in the El Paso Times newspaper Sunday December 18, 2022.*

We wish for Captain Steele smooth air, favorable winds and clear skies for his flight West. Rest in peace Captain, and Godspeed on your final flight West.

Captain Steele`s obituary is posted below:



Captain William Matthes (Bill) Steele

October 26, 1931 - December 12, 2022

William Matthes Steele was born October 26, 1931 and died December 12, 2022. He was raised in Idaho by a tight-fisted father and a loving, warm mother. We figure someone did something right (most likely his mother) because William grew up to be a man who loved unconditionally, forgave easily and

loved heartily. Bill, as he was known to most everyone, became a pilot for Continental Airlines and traveled the world where he learned countless short-cuts to almost everywhere. The straight road was never taken because that left turn meant he could most likely miss a few stop signs or at least a school zone. An avid golfer, he let his children and grandchildren drive the carts and drink unlimited amounts of soda. He single-handedly supported the supply chain for Dr. Pepper in the state of Texas for the last half of the previous century until his healthcare providers begged him to stop. He was a handsome, tall man and Bill found lasting love with Anne Steele in 1978. Bill's children from his first marriage, George Steele, Robert Steele and Lisa Leeser were in attendance along with Anne's children Daphne Lowe and Jane Steele. Their marriage was full of fine friends, fabulous dinners and amazing adventures for 44 years. He leaves us with 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He also dearly loved his ex-son-in-law Oscar Leeser and his other son-in-law Michael Heitz was also sometimes liked. Bill loved football, favoring the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks. He read the paper every morning in bed and watched the news every night. If he couldn't watch PBS's News Hour it was a bad day. But no one ever knew when Bill had bad days. He rarely, if ever complained, instead adopting trademark phrases like, "The alternative is much worse" or "Well there you go" which many of his family found frustrating, but indeed he was frustratingly always right. If advice from Bill was given, 98% of the time it was correct. William Steele walked tall, golfed fairly and cared immensely. He cared about children, the environment, his family, the democratic party, his car, his beloved Kindle (thanks Amazon), growing and eating fresh tomatoes and most importantly, fairness. That simple concept was really how he lived his life to the fullest. If someone failed or disappointed him, he didn't berate them or belittle them. A celebration of his life will be held at 11:00am, Thursday, December 22 at Sunset Funeral Homes West. 480 North Resler, El Paso, TX. In lieu of flowers the family asks that a donation be made in his honor to PBS El Paso...and Bill would like to ask PBS to stop the damned pledge drives please.



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