



The sad news that Golden Eagles member and former Continental Captain Ron Cosgrove took his last flight West was just received from Golden Eagles member Reagan Jackson. The obituary is posted below.

The Golden Eagles sends condolences to Captain Cosgrove's family and wishes them peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Rest in peace Captain, and Godspeed on your final flight West.

# Ronald Patrick Cosgrove

DECEMBER 22, 1945 – NOVEMBER 28, 2021



Ron was born December 22, 1945, to Walter J. Cosgrove and Vera E. Magill Cosgrove. He was raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and graduated from Regis High School in 1963.

He then enlisted in the Navy and became an aircrewman - operating the sophisticated surveillance equipment on the P3s (an anti-submarine aircraft). Upon completing his enlistment with the Navy, he returned to Cedar Rapids where he met and married his wife, Ellen I. Becker, in April of 1969.

Ron graduated from the University of Iowa and then applied to go back into the Navy where he completed flight training and became a pilot of the same plane (the P3) that he had flown on as a member of the aircrew during his enlistment.

Orleans, LA. At this time he also began flying for the commercial airline Texas International/Continental.

Ron's interests and hobbies included drag racing, long-range shooting, and RV excursions with friends. He also greatly enjoyed the weekly Wednesday luncheons with his car club friends and the weekly Friday luncheons with his gun club friends. The monthly zoom meetings with his old Navy buddies (the "Crawfishers") were also a highlight in his life.

He was the beloved husband of Ellie, the loving father of Chris (Hillary) Cosgrove, John (Candace) Cosgrove, Erin (John) Haran, and Patrick (Lauren) Cosgrove, and adoring grandfather of Kieran, Ireland, Devon, Kalysta, Rhys, Aidan, Alora, Brendan, Lillian, and Gabriella.

Ron's greatest joys in life have always been his family and friends. He took his role of husband, father, grandfather, and friend very seriously and was an excellent example of what love and loyalty look like. He is going to be so greatly missed by all.

Private family services will happen at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, we ask for donations to be made to your favorite charity in honor of Ron.



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