



**The sad news that Golden Eagles member and former Continental Captain Walt Jennings took his last flight West was just received from his family.**

**The Golden Eagles sends condolences to Captain Jennings` family and we wish them peace and comfort as they say goodbye to their loved one.**

**May Captain Jennings have smooth air, clear skies and favorable winds on his final flight.**

**Rest in peace Walt, and Godspeed on your flight West.**

OBITUARY

# Walter G Jennings

MARCH 5, 1937 – DECEMBER 7, 2021



**Walter G Jennings, age 84, of Calabasas, California passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Walter was born March 5, 1937 in IN.**

**A graveside service for Walter will be held Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Rose Hills Memorial Park, 3888 Workman Mill Rd,**

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.rosehills.com](http://www.rosehills.com) for the Jennings family.

Walter Jennings, of Calabasas, California, died at the age of 84 on December 7th, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janyce (Rochel), and was loving father of Jeff (Stacie) and Jay (Tina). He was a proud grandfather to Jeff and Stacie's three children, Britney, Jadon, and Jack; and Jay and Tina's son, Matthew.

Walt was born in Indiana to Gerald and Dorothy Jennings, and grew up in Alhambra, California with his two brothers, Bob and John. While attending Occidental College, Walt participated in athletics, served in ROTC, and was an active member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Upon his graduation from Oxy in 1959, Walt completed Air Force pilot training and flew C-124 transports internationally from the 3rd Air Transport Squadron (MATS) at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina. While flying for the Air Force, Walt met his wife, Jan, an American Airlines flight attendant, at the Nile Hilton Hotel, while she was on an around-the-world vacation. They were married in 1964.

In 1965, Walt left active duty, moved back to California with Jan and Jeff (6 months old), and began flying commercially for Continental Airlines. Walt continued his military service in the California Air National Guard 146th AW. Possessing a strong desire to help others and to give back to his community, Walt became a Liaison Officer for the Air Force Academy, taking a deep and personal interest in the hundreds of recruits he brought to the Academy. In 1989, after 30 years of military service in the United States Air Force, Walt retired with the rank of Colonel. After logging close to 30,000 hours of flight time, Walt flew his final flight as a DC-10 captain in 1997, and his final flight as a DC-10 second officer in 2001.

Ever the athlete, Walt took great pride in coaching his son's sports teams, particularly their YMCA Gra-Y Falcons, which played football, basketball, soccer, and track. Walt enjoyed golfing and was an avid water skier,

There is a charming joke, “How do you know someone is a pilot? He’ll tell you.” Walt was no exception, and he had an unending stream of uproarious tales from his years as a pilot. He was a gifted storyteller with a huge smile, and an even bigger laugh. Walt charmed and entertained everyone he met, and he will be missed.

A private memorial service, with full military honors, was held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a deserving charity that provides assistance to individuals and families in need.



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