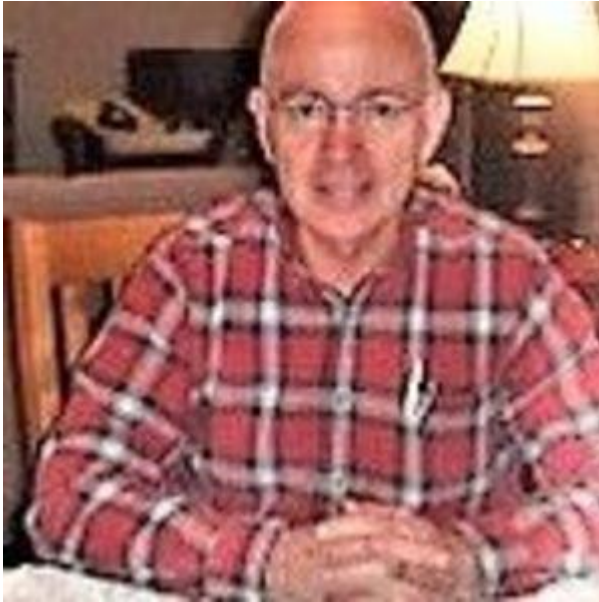




The sad news that former Continental Pilot Paul Tonnesen took his last flight West on May 2, 2018 was just received. The Golden Eagles sends its condolences to Paul's family and wishes them peace and comfort as they grieve their unfortunate loss. Paul was not a Golden Eagles member, but this notice is being shared with our members as a courtesy to Paul's memory, to his family and to those who may have known him during their career.

Paul's obituary is posted below.



Paul A. Tonnesen

Paul A. Tonnesen, 71 of Avon Lake passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2018. He was born to parents Frank and Una (nee Barrett) Tonnesen January 31, 1947.

Paul earned a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from West Virginia University. He was a pilot for 20 years for Continental Airlines. Paul was a commercial pilot, and also flew privately. He was an avid home builder in the process of building a Corbin Baby Ace in his garage. Previous flying experience included aerial application, night mail flying and aerobatic flying. In between his flying, Paul's hobbies included motor cross, Kart racing, sailing, kayaking, and rebuilding a Ford Mustang. Paul met the love of his life when Paul was 16 and Gail was 12 in Bolton, NY. He later married Gail in Nanuet, N.Y. and they were happily married for 47 years.

He is survived by his wife Gail (nee Pilgrim); sons Joe and Mike Tonnesen; sister Karen Hayes, his mother Una Tonnesen and multiple nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father Frank Tonnesen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be forwarded to Hospice of the Western Reserve 17876 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44110 or the EAA at the website eaa.org click on give; click on give today: under the choice of " use my donation to support" click the down arrow to make a choice of donation. Friends may call Friday, May 11, 2018 from 4pm-7pm with a service 7pm at the BUSCH FUNERAL HOME, 163 AVON-BELDEN RD, AVON LAKE. www.buschcares.com 440-933-3202



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