



The sad news that former Continental pilot Stanley Harrison took his last flight West on May 16, 2018 was just received. The Golden Eagles is saddened to learn of Stanley's passing and sends its condolences to his family.

Stanley was not a Golden Eagles member, but we are sharing this information with our members in honor of his memory, as a courtesy to his family and as a notice to those of our members who may have known him during their airline career.

Stanley's obituary is posted below and the official, complete obituary is also available by clicking on the following link

: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/easternnewmexiconews/obituary.aspx?n=stanley-ben-harrison&pid=189069630&fhid=7175>



Stanley Ben Harrison

1949 - 2018

Obituary

Funeral services for Stanley Harrison, 68, of Lubbock, TX will be at 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 23, 2018, in the Wheeler Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in the Eiland Cemetery near Arch, NM.

Stanley Ben Harrison was born August 29, 1949, in Lubbock, TX to the home of Eva Mae (Grizzle) and Gordon Stanley Harrison and died May 16, 2018, in Lubbock, TX where he had been living for the past three years.

Stan grew up in the Arch community and was a faithful member of Arch Baptist Church. He graduated from Portales High School in 1967. While he was still in high school, he earned his private pilot's license. After graduating, he went on to attend Eastern New Mexico University and New Mexico State University for a short time before enlisting in the U.S Army in Sept. 1969. On December 22nd, 1970, Stan married Melanie Precure, and in a few years they would become a family of 7; eventually raising 5 boys.

During his time in service, he was stationed in Germany and served 2 years. After his honorable discharge, he was eager to return back to Arch and start a life with Melanie. He joined the National Peanut Growers Association and was soon voted in as President. He remained in office from 1976 till 1980. Shortly after stepping down from the NPGA, he was nominated to run for State Senate and only missed getting into office by a handful of votes. Foregoing any future opportunity to become a statesman, he decided instead to put his passion of flying to work and founded Valley Flying Spraying Services around 1980 which was an aerial application business that served local farmers throughout Eastern New Mexico for the next several years. In the early 80's, he also began working with a charter flight service and provided transportation for Lonnie Allsup and Jeff Wilson. He also flew for UPS before becoming an airline pilot for Continental Airlines in the mid 1980's.

After nearly 20 years with the company, he retired in 2006. Following his retirement, Stan took care of his mother for several years. For the past three years he had been a resident of Raider Ranch in Lubbock where he was endeared by staff members and nurses alike. Being a gregarious man, Stan never met a stranger and was always generous to help those around him in any way he was able.

He is survived by four sons and two daughters-in-law, Joel Harrison of Dallas, TX, John and Carol Harrison of Midland, TX, Jordan and Hannah Harrison of Alto, NM and James Harrison of Dallas, TX; two grandchildren, Kensey and Hailey Harrison; a "sister" and "brother-in-law" Loya and Michel Cobb of Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, and a son, Jared Harrison who died in 1999. Pallbearers will be Bill Walker, Garth Grizzle, and his four sons. Honorary Pallbearers are the friends of Arch Baptist Church and the surrounding communities of Arch and

Portales.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Iris Global Missions to help take care of those in need of shelter, good food and clean water and schools throughout the world:

www.irisglobal.org/giving-center.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wheeler Mortuary of Portales. 575-356-4455, wheelermortuary.net

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