



## Carl William Christensen

February 7, 1925 - October 11, 2012

Carl William Christensen took his final flight into that proverbial “wild blue yonder” in the morning hours of October 11, 2012. He was born February 7, 1925 in Overland, Missouri to the late Florence Christensen Hoppe and Carl William Hoppe. Unfortunately, he lost both of his parents when he was only two years old. His maternal grandparents, Erik and Dora Christensen took him into their home and provided those things his own parents could not. They were helped by a very special aunt of Carl’s, Margaret Christensen. Like so many of his generation, he answered the call to arms during World War II. He served in the Army Air Corps and immediately found his comfort zone- in the sky. Chris’ love for aviation gave him experience as a corporate pilot for Monsanto and he was also Chief Pilot for the Mellon family in Pittsburg, PA. He eventually took a path that led him to Eastern Airlines. He had a long and successful career during the golden years of aviation and also got to do a job he absolutely loved. He retired from Eastern as a Captain. Throughout his life he found great enjoyment, while on the ground, as an accomplished golfer. Surviving Chris is his loving wife of 34 years, Pat Alford Christensen; a son, Carl Hoppe Christensen (Helene) of Columbus, TX. His daughters are Tenley (and Charles) Stephens of Atlanta and Margaret Christensen of Ayden, NC. Also surviving are his stepsons Jason (and Whitney) Olvey of Newnan, Joe Olvey of Savannah. Nine grandchildren and one great grandchild completed his family. Chris’ life will be remembered joyfully as his family hosts a reception at their home on Sunday, October 14, 2012 between 3:00 PM and

5:00 PM. Rather than flowers his family would suggest gifts in Chris' memory to the Salvation Army. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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Newnan, GA 30263  
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# Tribute Wall

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences Christensen family and also share a comforting promise scriptural that very soon death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore.....Revelation 21:4

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**P. Watts** - November 04, 2012 at 06:27 PM

RM

“ Dear Pat, I just found out about your dear Carl. Sincere sympathy I send to you & yours. You will be in my thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. We are NEVER ready to let them go.....I know. Sincerely, Renee Cameron Mock RHS '69

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**Renee Mock** - October 21, 2012 at 10:44 PM

SL

“ Dear Pat and family, I can't tell you how sadden I was to hear about Carl and I want you know I love you and praying for you and your family for comfort and peace. I hope to come and visit with you soon just lete I know When is good for you hon. Much love and prayers Shirley

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**Shirley Longino** - October 17, 2012 at 12:04 AM

SC

“ Dear Pat and Family, It was with sorrow that I read of of Chris' death. Please know that my thoughts are with you all at this time. Chris was one of my favorite "Canongate Characters"! When I first went to work there in the (way back), he came in almost every day and would frequently get there early before his tee time. He would sit in the "easy chair" across from the register and tell all kinds of stories. Felt like I knew you before I ever met you and certainly he spoke fondly of his daughters! You completed him in so many ways, Pat! I know you were the essence of what made his later years tick!

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**Suzanne Cochran** - October 15, 2012 at 06:02 PM

PW

“ Dear Pat & family, I was so sorry to read about your husband's death. Know that I am thinking about you during this sad time.  
Peggy Williams

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**Peggy Williams** - October 15, 2012 at 11:01 AM

JS

“ Pat, please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love, June

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**June Olvey Smith** - October 14, 2012 at 06:21 PM

GB

“ Our heartfelt sympathy for your loss. May the many wonderful years you shared with Chris be your fondest memories forever and bring you peace in the months to come. Our love, Gene & Cindy

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**Gene & Cindy Bopes** - October 14, 2012 at 03:01 PM

LH

“ Dear Pat, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I just read the e-mail from Ginger sharing the sad news of the death of Chris. You had many wonderful years together and many happy memories to fall back on. All of you will be in my prayers and thoughts for your healing in this great loss. Love, Cille Harvey

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**Lucille (Cille) Harvey** - October 14, 2012 at 02:07 PM

JW

“ Pat and family, we were so sorry to hear that Chris had died. May all of your fond memories be comforting in the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Judi and Mike Worth

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**Judi Worth** - October 14, 2012 at 01:44 PM

MA

“ Pat, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Remember that we have you in our prayers and we know that your wonderful family will provide strength and solace during this sad time. Love - Myron & Frances

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**Myron & Frances Allen** - October 14, 2012 at 09:05 AM

WB

“ Pat, I am so saddened to hear about Chris' passing. Thinking and praying for you and your family. Wendy Brogdon

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**Wendy Brogdon** - October 13, 2012 at 11:55 PM