



Jack A. Benedict

June 21, 1936 - January 31, 2011

Jack A. Benedict, 74, of Newnan passed away on Monday, January 31, 2011 at his home. He was born in Marlette, Michigan to the late Clarence & Alice (Stigleman) Benedict.

Mr. Benedict is survived by his wife, Ruth Benedict and children; Gerri Benedict Butler & Ronnie Butler; Derek Benedict, Dale Benedict, Delyn Benedict Kennedy & David Kennedy, Jay & Frankie Benedict, Jerry Sifuentes and Nannette Buck. He is also survived by grandchildren; Michael Butler, Heather Kennedy, Lindsay Kennedy, Cassie York, Emily Benedict & Christian Sifuentes and great grandchildren; Kodey Butler and Logan Butler.

Mr. Benedict served in the Marines for 4 years where he trained as a jet engine mechanic. Then he served as a Charter Pilot and Instructor in North Carolina before his commercial pilot training in Winston-Salem, NC. He then began his career with Piedmont Airlines, who later merged with US Air. Jack retired as Captain with 30 years of service flying international routes. After retirement, he raised cattle and also was a member of the Volunteer Fire Dept. for Coweta County. He was an avid motorcycle rider. And was a member of Providence Baptist Church.

The family request no flowers be sent, those who wish make contributions to Providence Baptist Church or to The American Cancer Society.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St., Newnan. Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 11:00 AM in the McKoon Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ken Norton officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Newnan with Marine Corp Honors.
McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *My sincere condolences go out to the entire Benedict family. I flew with Captain Jack during my first year with PAI. He was a true Officer and a Gentleman.*

David Whitney - February 19, 2011 at 10:38 AM

LD

“ *With deepest and sincerest sympathy.*

Larry and Betty D'Amelio - February 10, 2011 at 02:07 PM

CA

“ *Delyn, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family provided some amazing memories for me when I was a little girl. My father Captain Richard "Beau" Adams had me stay with your family when he had long trips with Piedmont. At your farm, I experienced a lot! You taught me how to ride horses and feed cattle. There I watched kittens being born, rowed the boat in your pond, picked vegetables from your garden, played Barbies with you, rode in your Dad's truck and "dropped hay"...the list goes on...but most of all your family took care of my dog PACE. That meant the world to me knowing that my dog was in good hands with your family - thanks to your Father taking him in after my parents divorced. Thank you for all the memories...Thank you Jack. Sincerely, Christy Adams*

Christy Adams - February 07, 2011 at 04:20 PM

JO

“ Dear Ruth & Family, My sincere condolences and sympathy for your loss. Jack was such a special person and friend. As a flight attendant for PI, I had some really awful trips (18 takeoff and landings in 2 days) and many of them with Jack. Somehow they just didn't seem so bad when was the captain. He had a way of making you smile even on the toughest days. I feel truly blessed to have known him. My prayers are with you.

Joanie - February 05, 2011 at 05:40 PM

JA

“ Dear Ruth & Family, My sincere condolences and sympathy for your loss. Jack was such a special person and good friend. As a flight attendant with PI, I had many dreadfully hard trips (18 takeoffs and landing in 2 days) and a lot of them with Jack. Somehow they were just a little easier when he was the captain. He could make you smile even on the toughest days. I am truly blessed to have known him.

Joanie Alexander - February 05, 2011 at 05:20 PM

BA

“ Both Barbara and I are sad to learn of Jacks passing. Jack was my dear friend. One thing about Jack, he was always there for his friends. In my time of need, Jack took care of my beloved dog, Pace. He kept Pace entertained on his farm. I remember many days Jack hurling a ball into the lake for Pace to fetch. Christy, my daughter, and Jacks daughter, Delyn, were friends who spent many happy days playing under Jacks watchful eye. Jack was a natural pilot and could fly an airplane like he was born in it. He was always happy, not grumpy like some, and a true pleasure to fly with. When I look back at the good times flying with Jack, I feel a true sadness to know that Jack is no longer with us. He will be truly missed by his Piedmont family. Heaven is now a happier place now that Jack is there with his big smile and personality. Beau & Barbara Adams

Beau and Barbara Adams - February 05, 2011 at 02:13 PM

JZ

“ So sorry for your loss. I flew with Capt Jack back in the good old days of PI and US. Always smiling, he could make a "dog" trip seem like a day at the beach! Another good one gone but never forgotten. Stay strong and know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Jean (Satterfield) Zeman CLT F/A Retired

Jean Satterfield Zeman - February 04, 2011 at 06:36 AM

LS

“ Dear Ruth, My sympathy to you and your family on the passing of Jack. I will always remember the special times we shared together at the Piedmont Silver Eagles Conventions. Jack could always make me laugh. He loved it when we would find each other at the conventions and would go off and do our girl stuff like shopping. Oh how he loved you!!!! You made him proud!! Take care of yourself and will talk to you soon. Love, Lori Smith

Lori Smith - February 03, 2011 at 11:02 PM

BF

“ TO MRS.RUTH AND FAMILY SORRY FOR THE LOST OF MR JACK HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED HIS FAMILYWILL BE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYER

BARRY PHILLIPS AND FAMILY - February 03, 2011 at 01:57 PM

FB

“ Dear Ruth & family, Jack was always one of my favorite pilots; he was always happy, and fun to be around. He will be missed by the Piedmont family, and those fortunate to know him. My condolences
Freida

Freida Phillips Burton - February 03, 2011 at 10:26 AM

AS

“ I'm truly sorry for the lost of Jack, I loved Jack and I will miss him very much. He was a wonderful person. You are in my thoughts and prayer. My love will always be here for you. God Bless you.

Ana Solivan - February 03, 2011 at 07:36 AM

KF

“ Dear Mrs. Ruth, I was terribly saddened to hear about Mr. Jack. Although it has been years since our families have been together, some of my fondest memories of living in Newnan were of the visits we had with you both. I remember Mr. Jack as a kind man and I know that he will be missed by so many. I am thinking of you and will keep you in my prayers. Sincerely, Katie Fisher

Katie Fisher - February 02, 2011 at 08:54 PM

TS

“ I was privileged to fly with Captain Jack in my early years with Piedmont. Jack was one of the best and It was a honor to have flown with him. Happy Landings, Jack!

Tom Sheehan - February 02, 2011 at 07:23 PM

DM

“ I met Jack while training on the 727 in Miami with Piedmont. I had an engineer bid. Jack made it look so easy, what a great guy and pilot. He suggested we take a break, he had a convertible so we drove to the Everglades. We took our "rides" the next day and passed and celebrated .I will never forget him. My condolences to the family and may God Bless.

Darrell Moorefield - February 02, 2011 at 11:09 AM

MD

“ Dear Mrs. Ruth We were so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Tom, Maria Dunkle and Magdalena Urbanski

Maria Dunkle - February 02, 2011 at 08:11 AM

LF

“ Ruth and family: We were so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and have been for some time. With love, Lex and Jane

Lex & Jane Fisher - February 02, 2011 at 06:22 AM

JL

“ Sorry for your loss. Always glad to have Capt. Jack flying us. Wonderful man.

Judy Littrell - February 01, 2011 at 09:58 PM

CR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Capt. Jack was a great man. We have lost another wonderful Piedmont family member.

Carol Russell - February 01, 2011 at 09:55 PM

LC

“ Ruth and Family, May the Love of God surround you all, .Jack was such a Gentleman I just loved flyin with him in the days of Pedmont and USAIR. He was very loved by his Co-Workers and we were all Family. You're in my prayers.Linda

LINDA HUNTER CAROLL - February 01, 2011 at 09:42 PM

PS

“ So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed flying with Jack at PAI. My prayers are with you. Sail on silver bird. Phil Skeen

Phil Skeen - February 01, 2011 at 09:23 PM

CS

“ Very sorry to hear about Jack's passing.....He was a well respected Pai Pilot.....carroll

carroll spencer - February 01, 2011 at 08:51 PM

SY

“ Dear Ruth and Family, I am heartbroken to learn of Jack's passing. As a flight attendant in Atlanta and Charlotte, I always loved flying with him. He was a great pilot and so much fun to be with. I always looked forward to seeing both of you at the Piedmont Silver Eagles reunions. He was a dear sweet man, and will be missed by our airline family. May God comfort you and your family during this very difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. With Deepest Sympathy, Sylvia Vaughan

SYLVIA - February 01, 2011 at 08:06 PM

"C

“ Ruth and Family: Our most sincere condolences to you all in Jack's passing and final flight west, He has been reunited with many friends and welcomed with open arms...and is at peace, I assure you...Jack and I became friends when he first came to Atlanta...and I've treasured his friendship over the years. God Speed, my friend. Sincerely, 'Ty' Cobb

"Ty" & Shirley Cobb - February 01, 2011 at 07:55 PM

SC

“ We will miss a dear friend. My you always have blue skies.

Sandy & Jay Cooper - February 01, 2011 at 07:43 PM

SP

“ Ruth, I was so shocked to hear about Jack. We go all the way back to his Charter days, Piedmont and USAirways.He was a true friend and will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you and your family. Sam & Karen

Sam Proctor - February 01, 2011 at 07:31 PM

PB

“ We are very sorry to hear of Jacks passing. I considered him a dear friend. Always enjoyed working with him. Jack was an excellent pilot. He will be missed.

Philip Beeson - February 01, 2011 at 07:19 PM

GF

“ Ms.Ruth and Family Sorry for your loss Mr.Jack will be dearly missed you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers...Greg (and family)

Greg Weber(and family) - February 01, 2011 at 06:55 PM

GT

“ Ruth and Family, We are so sorry to learn of Jack's passing. He was always such a joy at the Piedmont Silver Eagles Reunion and he was part of the reason that Piedmont was such a successful airline. I hope you can find comfort in knowing that he was so well respected and loved by so many. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time. Gerri and Gus Tomlin

Gerri and Gus Tomlin - February 01, 2011 at 06:07 PM

VP

“ Delyn, Ruth and family thinking of you all at this time. So, so sorry.

Vanessa Parker - February 01, 2011 at 05:42 PM

RG

“ Ruth, so sorry to hear of your loss. Jack was a true friend of mine and he will be greatly missed.

ralph griffith - February 01, 2011 at 05:21 PM

CO

“ Ruth was so shocked to hear about Jack! He was such a good man and I loved him dearly. How he will be missed at Silver Eagles Reunion! My thoughts and prayers are with you and family dduring this time

Colleen - February 01, 2011 at 04:37 PM

TL

“ Some of the best times of my life were flying with Jack. He would make me laugh until I would cry. He was also one of the best pilots I flew with at Piedmont Airlines. I know you miss him and so will I. My condolences, Tyler Lee

Tyler Lee - February 01, 2011 at 03:53 PM

RL

“ I am sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I flew a lot with him at Piedmont and always enjoyed it. Smooth flight buddy.

Robert Leeds - February 01, 2011 at 03:33 PM

PD

“ There could only be ONE Captain Jack. Piedmont was an REAL airline with REAL Pilots. Jack was one of the best. It was a honor to have flown with him.

Patrick Day - February 01, 2011 at 03:31 PM

RS

“ Amy and I are very sorry for your loss of Jack. He was a great guy and a lot of fun to fly with. He'll be sorely missed.

Ron Spiess - February 01, 2011 at 03:31 PM

TS

“ HAPPY LANDINGS JACK. YOU WILL BE MISSED.

TOM STANCIL - February 01, 2011 at 03:08 PM

JL

“ Mrs. Ruth, I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Jack's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You and Mr. Jack were such a special couple and the greatest of neighbors to my Daughter, Son, and Grandchildren. We will always be grateful for the wonderful friendship and the happiest of memories with the two of you. Please don't hesitate to call if you should need help in any way. Much love and prayers, Jane

Jane Lochbaum - February 01, 2011 at 03:07 PM

TO

“ We are so sorry sorry to hear of Jack passing. our prayers are with you and family. Jack gave me my first left seat . Was always a pleasure tp fly with him

Tom - February 01, 2011 at 02:58 PM

JK

“ Mrs. Ruth, I was sorry to hera of Captain's Jack passing. I flew with Jack during our Piedmont days, my condolences to you and your family.

John Kunkel - February 01, 2011 at 02:55 PM

GD

“ Ruth, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. Jacks friendship will be missed but our past never forgotten. You and Jack will always be an important part of our life. With all our love, Greg & Jan

Greg & Jan DeVine - February 01, 2011 at 02:45 PM

PS

“ Dearest Ruth and Family, On behalf of Capt. Paul S. Snell and family we would like to express our deepest condolences on the passing of Jack. He was truly a fine fine man with a wonderful spirit who was an inspiration to fly with at Piedmont. He will be sorely missed in our circle. Many prayers and love sent your way at this time. Capt. Paul, Janie & Tyler Snell

Paul Snell - February 01, 2011 at 02:41 PM

BS

“ Ruth, I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I enjoyed working with him at Piedmont.

Bill Scott - February 01, 2011 at 02:31 PM

AH

“ *The entire Huggins and Stancil families send our condolences and are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Love, Alice & Ronnie, Tommy & Marty and families*

Alice Stancil Huggins - February 01, 2011 at 01:31 PM

BS

“ *Jay and Frankie Benedict and kids Justin Benedict, David, Chris, Russel, Justice, Jessica and Cheryl and other family members, were sorry about the lost of Jack and our prayers go out to the family..may God be with each and everyone during this time.*

billy strickland - February 01, 2011 at 11:14 AM

JG

“ *Ruth, and family, Mike and I are so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. We have many fond memories of him, and he will be missed very much. We hope you will find comfort in knowing that he is at peace and suffering no longer. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mike and Joyce Goldstein*

Joyce Goldstein - February 01, 2011 at 10:56 AM

KN

“ *On behalf of the Beckom family I would like to extend our most sincere sorrow for the passing of Jack. My Daddy, W.L. Beckom and Mother, Kathleen Beckom thought a lot of the Benedict family and you are in our prayers. You were great neighbors in the great Welcome Community. Kaye, Terry, and Darren Beckom.*

Kaye Beckom Nutt - February 01, 2011 at 09:23 AM

WS

“ I met Jack and Ruth when Jay and Frankie married at Mt. Zion. I remember both as kind people, and my prayers are with Ruth, Jay and all the family. We will pray for all of you at Mt. Zion, too, when we meet for worship again.

Winston Skinner - February 01, 2011 at 07:14 AM

MM

“ We will miss Jack. He was truly a good man and we will miss his smile. Ruth may you find peace and comfort in your family and friends in this your time of need. We always enjoyed the Motor Cycle ride to Buckners and all that good fried chicken!

Margie Madaris - February 01, 2011 at 12:59 AM

BB

“ Mrs. Ruth Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family during these sad times of Mr. Jack passing. Mr. Jack and you have been so special to the whole Beavers family for years. He will be missed. We Love and prayers Bo, Angie, Lins and Brandon

Bo and Angie Beavers - January 31, 2011 at 09:37 PM

RR

“ Mrs. Ruth, I was sorry to hear of Mr. Jack's passing. I have very fond memories of you both and I hope you find comfort and peace in the days ahead. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Rebecca Fisher Raley

Rebecca Fisher Raley - January 31, 2011 at 08:21 PM

CS

“ sorry for your lost our prayers are with the family..

cindy strickland - January 31, 2011 at 05:31 PM