



## Joel Francis Fisher, III

June 22, 1939 - November 8, 2021

Joel F. "Chip" Fisher passed away on November 8, 2021 at the age of 82 following a short illness.

In his early years, Chip moved around with his parents to several military bases while his dad was an Army Air Corps Flight Instructor. His family eventually settled in Shreveport where his dad owned "Fisher's Flying Service." Later, Chip and his dad flew seaplanes in south Louisiana which he has said was his favorite flying. He attended LSU where he studied Geology. While Chip and his wife Sue traveled in the same social circle, it wasn't until LSU where they met at a party and spent the evening talking, sparking a lifelong romance. They were married on October 20, 1962.

He joined Eastern Airlines in 1963 and was there until its demise in 1991. During his tenure at Eastern, he flew a myriad of airplanes and served in various management positions such as Check Airman, DC-9 Fleet Manager and Assistant Chief Pilot. Following Eastern, he was hired by EVA Airlines in Taipei where he served as Captain on the B-747 until he reached the mandatory retirement age of 60. After his time with EVA, he enjoyed retirement for 5 years, then joined Boeing as a flight instructor and examiner on the B-747. He worked at Boeing until his final retirement at age 79. During his career, he served as Instructor and Check Airman on a myriad of airplanes. He was awarded the "Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award" by the

FAA for 50 years without certificate action.

Chip's love of flying extended to his personal life. He owned a 1946 Piper Super Cruiser with which he taught his son to fly, helping to "propel" his career as a pilot. He had this airplane restored and won "Reserved Grand Champion-Classic" at Oshkosh in the 1990s, among other awards. Later, he followed his lifelong dream and purchased a World War II vintage Stearman biplane with which he loved to frequent many of the local airports.

He had a great sense of humor and didn't mind laughing at himself. Chip loved family very much and, along with Sue, went above and beyond to take care of his parents and Sue's mother as they aged. He was a selfless person who always put the needs of others ahead of his own. His family will miss him very much.

Chip was preceded in death by his parents Joel and Jerry. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Sue, his son Butch (Parichat), his daughters Jennifer and Susan and grandchildren Zach, Alix and T.J.

Chip always had a special place in his heart for children. So, in lieu of flowers, Dad would love donations to be made to the Childrens, Hospital.

[https://give.choa.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=1480&mfc\\_pref=T&1480.donation=form1&s\\_src=home](https://give.choa.org/site/Donation2?df_id=1480&mfc_pref=T&1480.donation=form1&s_src=home)

The funeral service celebrating the life Chip lived is Friday, November 12, 2021, at 2:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, in Newnan with Rev. B.J. Cobb officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Senoia City Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday from 1:00 PM until service time at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **Senoia City Cemetery**

Stallings Road  
Senoia, GA

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

NOV 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## **Funeral Service**

NOV 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Joel Francis Fisher, III*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - November 12, 2021 at 08:12 AM

RL

“ *So sorry about Mr Fisher's passing. I had the opportunity to meet him and have dinner with him on two occasions and he was such a nice guy. May he forever rest in paradise and fly high with the angels.*

*Rob L*

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**Rob Lafferman** - November 12, 2021 at 09:09 AM

BS

“ *The Fisher Family were close family friends of ours. I remember always being so excited to visit them for football games and meals. Going to look and even fly in the planes were some great memories I had growing up. Mr. Fisher always had a smile on his face and was willing to goof of with the younger kids. Sue, Butch, Susan and Jenny my heart goes out to you along with my prayers. I know he is sitting besides my mom having drink and cheering on LSU.*

*Bill Schuyler*

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**Bill Schuyler** - November 12, 2021 at 05:57 AM

WS

“ I have known Chip for over 60 years. His wife and mine were roommates at LSU. We enjoyed camping, boating, and playing penny poker for many years. We often joked about him wanting to be an Army officer which I was, and my desire to fly which he did and did well. Flying stunts in the super cruiser was a joy. We lost contact a little as years progressed. His and Sue's attendance at my retirement was such a thoughtful gesture but that was Chip. I have many stories for which I draw many memories. My prayers are for the family, Sue, Butch, Susan, and Jenny. RIP Chip, I'll see you on the other side my friend.

Wes Schuyler - November 11, 2021 at 04:51 PM

WH

“ We are so saddened to hear of Chip's passing. He had a generous heart as big as all outdoors. He will be remembered and missed forever. Our thoughts are with all of you and we are here for anything we can do for you. May you gain peace and comfort from each other. Love, Warren & Jean Hill

warren & Jean Hill - November 11, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Francis Fisher, III.



November 10, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Joel Francis Fisher, III.



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November 10, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Rose Tribute* was purchased for the family of Joel Francis Fisher, III.



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November 10, 2021 at 07:54 AM