



Ronald Francis Wassenberg

November 15, 1938 - June 2, 2009

Captain Ronald F. Wassenberg was born November 15, 1938 to the late Leo & Claire Wassenberg & died June 2, 2009. He was preceded in death by his first wife Betty Wassenberg who died in 1980. Mr. Wassenberg attended college in Miami & later joined the Air Force & became a Load Master. He was taught by his father to fly at the early age of 15. He left the Air Force & went to work with Zantop Airlines. In 1962, he was hired by Delta Airlines where he made Captain at the age of 29. He took early retirement in 1996 after being there for 34 years. He soon realized that he missed flying & was hired by Orient Thai Airlines in Bangkok, Thailand. He remained there for 3 years & later went on to fly between England & Belgium for the next 3 years. These last 3 years he flew in Dubai, U.A.E. He remained very active until his illness occurred. As long as he was flying, he was very happy. He was always very devout in his Catholic faith. No matter where his travels took him he found a church to attend. He will be greatly missed by his family & many friends all over the world.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Linda Wassenberg; daughters, September (Bob) Eason, Shade (Wiley) Robinson, Melanie (Stilly) McFadden; sons, Sam (Robin) Wassenberg, Todd Kendrick, Scott (Amy) Kendrick; grandchildren, Farh Robinson, Trammel Robinson, Renn Eason, Emey Eason, Anna-Leigh Eason, Nanny McFadden, Elizabeth McFadden, Stillman McFadden, Hollie Wassenberg, Alex Kendrick, MaCrae Kendrick, Kooper Kendrick; brother, Dick Wassenberg; and sisters, Sheila Harris & Sally

Bembeneck.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. George Catholic Church, 771 Roscoe Rd, Newnan GA 30263. Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com .

There will be a Mass held for him at St. George Catholic Church on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 11:00 AM, Father Austin Fogarty will officiate. A celebration of his life will be held in the fellowship hall of the church following the service.

McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ my love to all ... september, shadie, melanie and sam... my heart hurts for you... if i can be of any help - don't hesitate to find me. please take care and know you are in my prayers every day! xo, tammy & chey

tammy morningstar & cheyenne farr - June 10, 2009 at 06:20 PM

JT

“ My deepest condolences to all the Wassenbergs. It has been some time since I have seen Ron, Sheila, Dick and Sally, but I am proud to claim you all as distinguished relatives. Ron indeed was a gentleman, thoughtful and congenial. Peace, Jim Toner

Jim Toner - June 06, 2009 at 06:16 PM

LL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I went to school with Shade. I flew with your dad a couple of times and he was always so nice. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends.

Lynda D. Lynch - June 06, 2009 at 12:14 AM

TW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Ron's passing. Ron was a great Delta Captain to fly with when I began as a copilot in Chicago 42 years ago. My sympathy extends to his family.

Tom Wolfrom - June 05, 2009 at 09:18 PM

KF

“ Ron was a sweet, sweet soul whose memory will be eternal!!!! Ron & Linda are and will always be our favorite neighbors! We feel truly blessed to have had them as our next door neighbors & dear friends throughout the years! Linda and family members are in our thoughts & prayers now and always! All our love & sympathy, Foti, Andrea & Vicki

Kyriazis Family - June 05, 2009 at 05:25 PM

JA

“ September, I wish there were words that could take away your sadness. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Janet Ashmore - June 05, 2009 at 04:07 PM

MY

“ Linda and Family, God Bless you all. Hold your memories close to your heart.

Mike Yeager - June 05, 2009 at 03:53 PM

BJ

“ I offer my sincere condolence to Ron's wife and family. I always had the highest respect for him whether it was working at Delta or in civilian life.

Bob Jameson - June 05, 2009 at 08:15 AM

DJ

“ Linda, September and the rest of the Family, May the good Lord give you Love, Peace, Understanding and beautiful memories of Ron. God loves you and we do too. Don and Mildred Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - June 05, 2009 at 07:04 AM

TO

“ Ron was a great guy and a lot of fun. He will be missed. My condolence to the family. TP

T P O'Mahoney - June 05, 2009 at 06:55 AM

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DP

“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family during you time of loss

Dennis Pasch - June 05, 2009 at 06:21 AM

DO

“ Ron-- I will always cherish our days around the airplanes--big and small. You were the best. My condolences to your family. God speed my freind..

Doug - June 05, 2009 at 01:06 AM

BA

“ Gene and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Linda and the rest of the family of Ron. We remember the good times at the Lake and the Elks Club. He was a good person and will be missed by everyone.

Barb and Gene Ankrom - June 05, 2009 at 12:21 AM

MM

“ Captain Ronald Wassenberg was an amazing dear friend to my family and I. Over the past three years I've had the pleasure of getting to know him and his wife. There are so many memories that will not be forgotten. He was truly one of a kind. My heart goes out to his loving wife and all of his children.

Mario Mizzi - June 04, 2009 at 10:57 PM

RW

“ Miss Linda, I was so sorry to read about Mr. Ron's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of his family. Please pass on my condolences to the rest of the family. With deepest sympathy, Ruth "Jones" Warren

Ruth Jones Warren - June 04, 2009 at 02:10 PM

PR

“ BOTH BETTY AND I WANT TO CONVEY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE ENTIRE WASSENBERG FAMILY. RON WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. HE WAS ONE OF THE FINEST, KINDEST AND LOYAL FRIENDS I HAVE EVER HAD. GOD BLESS LINDA, SHIELA, DICK, AND SALLY AND ALL OF RON, S CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. I WILL REMEMBER RON FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE AND WILL KEEP HIM IN MY PRAYERS.

PAUL & BETTY ROE - June 04, 2009 at 02:00 PM

KF

“ Mrs. wassenburg, I am very sorry for your lose. I flew with Ron when he flew for Hill Charter back a few years ago. Ron was a great guy and will be missed greatly.

Kerry Floyd - June 04, 2009 at 01:18 PM

RG

“ Linda, I am sorry for your loss. Ron was a good friend. I always enjoyed flying with him. He was a great pilot and a true gentleman. There is another star in heaven today.

Ray Gillis - June 04, 2009 at 01:13 PM

AP

“ Linda and Todd, I am truly sorry for your loss. I am so glad the two of you have each other. Now more than ever. Love, Amy

Amy Phillips - June 04, 2009 at 12:59 PM

PC

“ Linda, You and your family are always in our thoughts and prayers. We love you and will miss hearing about Ron's adventures. I wish that when I flew for Delta that I would have had the opportunity to fly with him. When flying gets in your blood it's great. We love you, Peggy & Jim Cole

Peggy & Jim Cole - June 04, 2009 at 11:54 AM

TB

“ Ron--we will all miss you. You were a great guy--exciting, adventurous, calm, generous, loving. We will always remember you as the adventurous pilot--going everywhere around the world, doing things others dream about. Will also remember your love for buying old boats, trucks etc.--we especially remember your knack for this hobby. We know you are flying high and well now--where all good pilots and planes go--the Wild Blue Yonder! God Bless and always love Your sister Sally Ted, Christopher, Brant, and Andrea Bembenek

Ted and Sally Bembenek - June 04, 2009 at 10:02 AM

HO

“ I was a member of Captain Wassenberg's crew starting in 1996 in Thailand. I was a young new flight engineer and Captain Ron was very patient with me and the rest of the younger crew members that he flew with. He became a bit of father figure to a lot of us and his professionalism and incredible personality made it a great pleasure to fly and travel with him. I have so many memories of the times we worked and played together. I later worked together with him out of Dubai flying cargo into Africa. Our adventures took us to many places: Bangkok, Hong Kong, Macau, Dubai, Belgium, Nigeria, Bujumbura, Tanzania, Libya, just to name a few. His lovely wife, Linda, became our Mom away from home. He shall be missed by all. Blue Skies Captain.

Howard Ogden - June 04, 2009 at 09:45 AM

JK

“ Ron will forever live in the hearts of those who love him. Poppy was so kind and loving to Alex and was always eager to show Alex the world. May God wrap his arms around all those that are grieving for Ron and I ask for a special blessing for Linda as she was the BEST wife any man could ever ask for! All our Love, Jenn & Alex

Jennifer & Alex Kendrick - June 04, 2009 at 09:22 AM

DF

“ I would like to express my deepest condolences. I am a friend & co-worker of step son Todd. I will keep the family in my prayers.

Darcy Flynn - June 03, 2009 at 05:25 PM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this time of loss. May your memories of Mr. Wassenberg remain in your hearts forever.

Jules & Maria Castillo - June 03, 2009 at 04:59 PM

CR

“ *I did not know Mr Wassenberg. I did know his step son Todd. Since is a very likeable guy, I believe Todd got it from Mr Wassenberg. Sincere wishes to all the family at this time of loss.*

chuck ruffino - June 03, 2009 at 02:15 PM