



RICHARD WAGNER

April 17, 1937 - September 4, 2012

Obituary of RICHARD WAGNER

Richard (Dick) Kent Wagner, 75, of Umatilla passed away on September 4, 2012. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Umatilla. He was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey on April 17, 1937, the son of the late Ernest and Mayme (Chapman) Wagner and grew up in Nutley, NJ.

After graduating from Gettysburg College he joined the Air Force and served for 6 years flying C-130s. He then became a commercial airline pilot, beginning his career with Pan American Airlines in Miami where he met his wife. He served 20 years with Pan Am and then 11 years with United Airlines before retiring as a captain of the 747. He has been recognized by the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Wall of Honor for his contribution to aviation.

He was a Florida resident for over 47 years and resided in Umatilla for the past 30 years. He enjoyed golf and tennis, flying his private plane, both water and snow skiing, tending to his home and farm, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Connie; 2 daughters, Cheryl (Ryan) Goldwire, and Denise (Scott) Dambrose; a son, David; 3 sisters, Joan Beim, Janet (Henry) Youngster, and Linda (Pete) Luxton; 7 grandsons; and a granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by a sister Verna and husband Al Sorber; brother Bill; and brother-in-law Mitchell Beim.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association, P. O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090, or to Cornerstone Hospice.

Visitation

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 7, 2012 at the Beyers Funeral Home Chapel.

Services

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 8, 2012 at the Calvary Chapel at the Lakes Church, formerly the First Methodist Church of Umatilla, with Reverend Beth Farabee officiating.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to your family during this time.*

Dawn McGlou Cerney - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ *Connie, It has been many years ago since Pine Meadows, we did have some good times with our tennis. We know this has not been an easy transition, but are thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Much love to you, Kathy and Tom Youngs*

kathy&tom youngs - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *I've known the Wagners all my life. They met my parents when I was one. Dick (Mr. Wagner, as I know him) spent tons of time with us teaching us how to water ski, lighting fireworks with an acetylene torch, cooking some great barbecue, and skiing down the slopes in Colorado. I remember when I first tried knee-boarding while visiting in my college years (20 years ago). I'd finally gotten up and went halfway around the lake when, from the boat, he motioned how to spin around by putting the rope behind me. With his confidence in me, I promptly tried this and promptly wiped out. Fun times! :) I remember on that same day, how calm and mirror-like the lake was. I'd decided to stay on my stomach on the knee-board and drift outside of the wake. With the sky reflected in the water and my face just inches from it, I felt like I was flying as I skimmed across the lake. It's one of my fondest memories and I'll be forever grateful to him for letting me experience it. Good luck on your connecting flight, Mr. Wagner!*

Jason, Alison, Dylan, & Emily Overstreet - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Connie and Family, Im sorry to hear the passing of Mr. Wagner. Please know that your family is in our prayers. Heaven has gained such a wonderful angel.*

Christy Mullen Gibson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM