



## Emil Charles Zonne

January 23, 1935 - June 1, 2013

Age 78 of Dellwood died June 1, 2013 at 12:01AM. Survived by his wife, Janice Zonne; children, Laurie (Randy) Aswegan, Sue (George) Poptsis and Jay Zonne; 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; siblings, Boots (Robert) Christensen and Liz Zonne; many other family and friends. Preceded in death by wife, Kathleen. Proud Marine Corps pilot. Respected Captain at Northwest Airlines where he flew 35 years. Memorial service 11AM (gathering begins at 10AM) on Saturday, June 22 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 W at Mackubin, Shoreview (651.482.7606). Private family interment Fort Snelling Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

VB

“ I flew a couple of trips with Emil as second officer on the 727 in 1968, and a MSP-LAX turnaround as a first officer on the DC10 sometime in the mid-80's when I worked test and ferry in fit ops for Bob Cavill. I think if you spent a couple of months flying with Emil he might loosen up a bit, but he was a man of few words. You would have thought that saying more than a few words was more exhausting than throwing man-hole covers. And he was probably as "private" a guy as any I have met. He kept all of his cards very close to his chest. You could not get Emil excited if you put a stick of dynamite under his seat of undetermined fuse length, and lit it. Emil was the original "Cool Hand Luke." Nothing could make him change his pace, and he was "in control" at all times. Watching Emil adding power to climb and raising the nose just right as he simultaneously rolled the wing to turn to a new heading was poetry in motion. Emil was as pure an aviator as with any I have flown. Not the only one, and not The best, but equal to The best. I always admired the way Emil seemed to glide in and out of a room without raising even the smallest breeze. Emil was one cool dude.

Vic Britt USMC 63-67 NWA 67-96

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Vic Britt - June 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Classmate when we joined Northwest and fellow Marine. Great pilot and human being.

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Frederick J (Fred) Pack - June 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ EZ we will miss you. Safe landings my friend on your last flight. Thank you for the many flights we made on Northwest. Thank you for your service to the country. May God welcome you home.

*Paul & Susan Chermak*

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**Paul Chermak** - June 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ EZ had a long rough flight with an extremely hard landing. Smooth weather from here on. . .we are so sorry for the pain you're feeling.

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**chris & Laurie** - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM