



John "Jack" Wilhelm

March 4, 2012

Wilhelm, John F. "Jack" age 67 of Eden Prairie. Survived by wife, Candace; children, Max and Mercedes; brothers, Robert (Mary Kay), Daniel (Joyce), Arthur (Lynda), and Larry (Francoise); sisters-in-law, Louann and Betty. Federal Inspector for the FAA, retired United Airlines Captain and retired Air Force Captain. In lieu of flowers, memorials to NARAL or Park Nicollet Frauenshuh Cancer Center. Memorial gathering Thursday, March 8, 6-8 PM at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall

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“ *Captain Jack had a gift of making people laugh not only at themselves but at him! He loved his family and often told us of their many accomplishments! The FAA has lost a great man!* ”

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Connie Reimer,

Delta CMO, Minnesota

Connie Reimer - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We miss Jack so much here at the FAA... where he made us laugh until we cried nearly every day. He gave us the gift of laughter often and helped us to not take things too seriously! Jack lives on in all of us... especially when we "joke around!"
Marlan Perhus
Delta
CMO
Minneapolis, MN

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Marlan Perhus,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Marlan Perhus - March 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Jack had an incredible sense of humor. In restaurants, he teased wait staff about being difficult and a poor tipper, but, in reality, he was always very gracious and generous. He was a special person, and we will all miss his wit, his stories, and his gourmet cooking.

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Debra Linder,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Debra Linder - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ We will miss your laughter and your quick wit. Gone too soon. May you now fly with the angels...

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valerie wilhelm,

Mt. Clemens, Michigan

valerie wilhelm - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Jack was one of the funniest people I knew... He was never without a quick joke.... I remember that we were at my dads and a huge storm was coming, maybe tornadoes.. He said just drive 90 and you will be safe...hmm ? I especially loved his poop finder in Paris :) He will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you..Eric and Carolyn Wilhelm*

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March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Jack was a special person to me and our family. He always had interesting stories to share, an opinion on the topics of the day and an outstanding cook. In addition he was my KFC buddy. Brad*

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brad williams,

edina, Minnesota

brad williams - March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Candace, Max, Mimi: We, Larry-Francoise-JC will sorely miss Capt. Jack. A little history. 68yrs ago Jack took away my title. I was my mom's baby for 8yrs before Jack was born to Max and Rose. He was the 7th son and born in the 7th month on the 11th day. He was welcomed into the family with open arms. He grew up with lots of attention from his 6 brothers and 1 sister. From the time he could talk his dream was to fly. In his second year of college he enlisted in the Air Force with the promise that he would be given flight training if he finished in the top 10% of his class. He transferred from U of D to Wayne State and finished in the top 5%. He went into the military soon after graduation and went to OCS coming out a 2nd lieutenant. He returned to Detroit and bought a new Ford which he drove to Oklahoma. When he returned 1yr later with a maly jet engine rating the car had 4600 miles on it. He didn't have much time for sightseeing in OK. The rest of his military career is history. He spent 10 months in Viet man and flew a C130. He had many missions over the north but didn't talk much about them. One incident he did relate to me was on a return to base from the north the inboard engine fell of the C130 (due to enemy fire) leaving a large hole in the wing. They flew and landed never knowing if the wing would stay on. He left Vietnam 1 day before the Tet offensive started. After Captain Jack was released from the military and after several flying jobs in the US he ended up in Iran. He flew there for several yrs but had to make a hasty exit when the Shaw was deposed. He then went to work for Saudi Arabia where he met Candace. While flying for Saudi 1 of his regular routes was to England. When he arrived there he would hop a ride to Paris where I was living at the time. He probably spent 3 to 4 days a month with Francoise and I in Paris. I got to know him well during this time. We had some memorable times exploring Paris. Jack was a bit of a humorist. Sometimes a little crude but always funny. Jack only spoke English but he could speak broken English in several different languages. His greeting to us in Paris was always YAJABAKA YOYO. Francoise ask me what it meant the 1st time she heard it and was surprised to hear it meant nothing. We still greeted each other with that at Christmas this past year. We are very sad with Jack's passing. We will be thinking of

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*him often. He will be in our thoughts and prayers. Good by Jack and
hjabaca yoyo.*

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