



## Melvin L. Christensen

February 4, 2014

Christensen, Melvin L. age 92, of Bloomington, passed away peacefully on 2/4/14 at Fairview Southdale Hospital surrounded by his family. He was born on June 25, 1921 in Veblen, SD to Carl and Johanna Christensen. Melvin graduated from Veblen High School in 1941, and then served in the Navy during WWII. He then met Margaret (Peggy) Hegge and they were married September 3, 1949. Melvin was employed with Northwest Airlines for 39 years, working various positions, ending as Captain. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Besides his love for his family, he had many passions including dancing, singing, gardening, carpentry, golfing, boating, and biking. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife, Peggy; daughter, Debra; siblings, Andrew, Raymond, Caroline, and Edna. He is survived by daughters, Linda (Dave) King, and Wanda (Jeff) Bielec; son-in-law, Al Thompson and his wife Jean; grandchildren, Jacob and Jonathan King, Brent (Heather) Bielec, Bryce (Laura) Bielec, Mark (Leslie) Thompson, Kristen Thompson, sister-in-law Gladys (Andrew) Christensen, and brother-in-law, Arne (Caroline) Olson; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Services for Melvin will be held Saturday, February 8th at 11 AM with visitation 1 hour prior at Richfield Lutheran Church, 8 W. 60th St., Minneapolis.

Interment at Dawn Valley Memorial Park. A special thank you to the staff at Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington for all their care and support. Memorials preferred to Richfield Lutheran Church and Presbyterian Homes. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mel was a favorite Captain for me to fly with. He was always willing to listen to his crew's questions, suggestions, and concerns. He was a gentle man, but a confident secure leader.*

*Stan Willbanks*

*NWA 3/68*

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**Stan Willbanks** - February 11, 2014 at 06:13 PM

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“ *Condolences and best wishes to the family. As a young copilot at Northwest Airlines, Captain Mel was one of my favorite captains to fly with.*

*Retired Captain Chet White*

*Punta Gorda, FL*

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**C White** - February 11, 2014 at 10:22 AM

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“ *My uncle, Melvin, was a great man. Over the years, Melvin and his family would come back to his native South Dakota to visit us in Veblen, and on the farm, where he grew up. He was fun to be around, and a good dancer with my mom, as well. Some of us thought he look liked Charlton Heston. He was a very good conversationalist about so many things, and he was always interested in hearing was I was doing. I went running with him once in Bloomington and I think we talked the whole trip. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers with my cousins, Linda and Wanda and their families. Ray Christensen, Arvada, Colorado*

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**Ray C. Christensen** - February 07, 2014 at 05:38 PM

DF

“ I work with Linda King at the University of Minnesota and I want to extend my condolences at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Deb Fergus



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**Deb Fergus** - February 07, 2014 at 09:37 AM