



## Randall Lee Sohn

February 1, 1934 - April 1, 2020

Randall Lee Sohn of Savage Minnesota

Born - Feb 1934 in Lake Park Iowa

Died April 1 2020

Randy is survived by his wife Judith Joy Sohn, daughter Sari (Jim) Hughes, son Mike (Luwela) Sohn and grandson Dayne Sohn; he was preceded in death by his parents Casey and Molly Sohn and sister Patty. Randy was born to be a pilot, although he began life in the cornfields of Minnesota. He was a complex man who rose above a fairly pedestrian background, exercising his creativity, determination and ingenuity to achieve extraordinary things. Randy went from his first flying lesson in January '53, to the Air Force in August '53, to graduating in the Reese AFB '55 class of aviation cadets. He and his first wife JoAnn married in '56, had Sari at Reese AFB in Lubbock TX, and Mike at Offutt AFB in Omaha NE. The family settled in Minneapolis where Randy became a pilot for North Central/ Republic/ Northwest Airlines in May 1960 and retired flying DC10's and 747's in 1994. Randy became a Flight Instructor rated for multi-engine aircraft in 1958, and added most WWII aircraft over the following years as an actively involved member of the Commemorative Air Force. Randy married Judy in August '91, moving to a quiet lake house with a multitude of storage buildings for all his cars, magazines, and books. He was inducted into the EAA Warbirds Hall of Fame in 1998. He was an enthusiastic participant in multiple aviation foundations, interest groups, and forums, as pilot/ instructor/ check pilot/ tractor aficionado/ mentor/ raconteur/ writer.

His family finds his astonishing Google presence to be as baffling as it is heartwarming.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has placed his computer in remote quarantine, so the multitude of his memberships and accomplishments known only to his iMac will have to be shared by his friends on the many global forums and websites in which he so delighted.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To one who sparked my interest in flying when I was four years old,,,RIP cousin Randy

*Bruce Kuehl Covina, CA*

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**Bruce Kuehl** - April 06, 2020 at 01:51 PM

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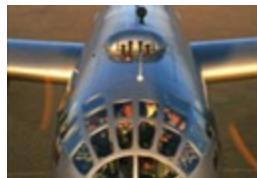


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**Tom H** - April 05, 2020 at 09:14 PM

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**Sari Hughes** - April 05, 2020 at 06:35 PM

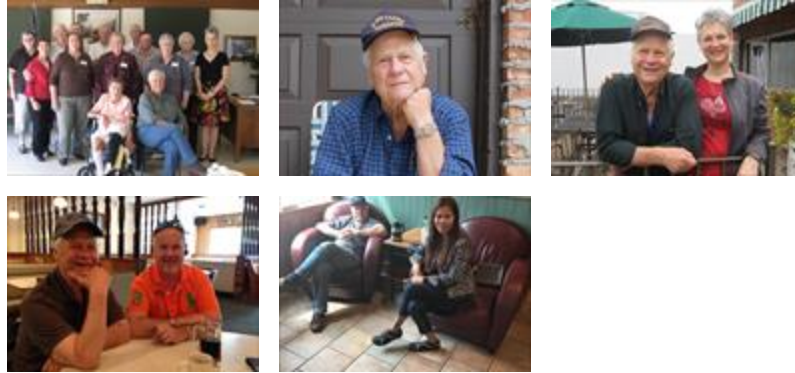


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Sari Hughes - April 05, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Now “Gone West,” Randy left us with a hole in our hearts and a wonderful plethora of memories. He was truly an extraordinary aviator who mentored many and will continue to do so through his writings.

*A number of his friends were in the process of nominating Randy to the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame. This WILL happen albeit posthumously.*

*Certainly, Randy enjoyed smooth air, warm soft tailwinds and a bright star to steer by on his westerly flight.*

*Randy, keep the runway clear, your buddies aren't far behind...*

Billy Walker - April 05, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randall Lee Sohn.*



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April 05, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *Randy Checked me out in the DC3 when I was hired by North Central in 1966. Always looked forward to meeting with him at the Breakfasts on Tuesday . He will be missed Jack Peterson*

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**Jack Peterson** - April 05, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ *Chuck & Wanda Untiedt, David Untiedt lit a candle in memory of Randall Lee Sohn*



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**Chuck & Wanda Untiedt, David Untiedt** - April 04, 2020 at 04:46 PM