



William "Bill" Wren

December 22, 2008

Wren, William C. "Bill" Passed away very suddenly at his home in Burnsville on Friday at the age of 65. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Linda. In the past year, they traveled to numerous exotic locations around the world and often visited their beloved beach house in Manzanita, Oregon. A 25 year employee of Northwest Airlines, he rose to be Vice President of Corporate Relations. He currently worked for the MAC as the Business Development Officer and was responsible for attracting new airlines to serve MSP. His latest successes were adding Southwest and Alaska Airlines to this market. With his devotion to aviation, he served on the board and as a former president of the Airport Foundation MSP, an agency that helps the airport better serve the public through art, music, landscaping, travelers assistance and children's play areas. As a highly respected and knowledgeable PR professional, Bill was a leader of the Twin Cities Communications Council, a group of top level media and public relations executives that help shape the public discourse of our community. He was always willing to share his expertise for any worthwhile project or event. Bill supported athletics at all levels and was a member and former head of Twin Cities Dunkers, an organization that promotes and recognizes athletes and teams in our area. He most enjoyed chairing the scholarship committee of Dunkers that awards a male and female public school graduate up to a four year college scholarship. A caring, compassionate person, Bill was a dedicated volunteer for Operation Smile. With his connections and hard work, he helped countless children with birth

defects "to smile" and live a normal life. All who were privileged to know Bill will always remember his positive attitude and big smile. To know him was to be his friend. Bill was a giant in this community and leaves it a better place. He will be missed, but never forgotten. Survived by sister, Patricia Wren; brothers, Anthony and Jonathan Wren; and many relatives and friends. Service will be held Tuesday, December 23rd at 2:00 pm at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, West 50th Street & Highway 100. Visitation will be from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm prior to the service. Interment will be in Oregon. Memorials are preferred to Twin Cities Dunkers Scholarship Fund, Vocal Essence or American Red Cross. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy. 100

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda, Hoping you are still notified of posts to this site. Suzy and I were just in Manzanita and thought of you. The phone numbers we have/had seemed not to work. Should you see this give us a call. 480-296-1940. Hope all is going well for you. Love, Jim and Suzy Thorne*

July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was great working with Bill at NWA and skiing with him at Big Sky. He was a great guy and I will miss him.*

~

Chane Howard,

Palm Desert, California

Chane Howard - January 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda and Family,It is hard to believe a year has come and gone since Bill's passing.May you find great peace and comfort in this holiday season and always with the knowledge that Bill remains in the hearts of so many. Just like Bill you and your family are thought of often.Warmest regards,Linda (Lund) Clawson*

December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We have just learned of Bill's passing. Our deepest sympathies go to Linda. We have known them both since my time in Portland Airport Ops,Linda's at LAT and Bill's at NWA and we have stayed in touch over the years. He was one half of a very kind and generous couple and he will be missed by all who knew him.*

~

Stephen & Dorothy Bigg,

Scottsdale, Arizona

Stephen & Dorothy Bigg - February 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To me Bill Wren was a very classy guy. He exuded great enthusiasm and caring and was always looking out for others. My sympathy to his family and friends.

~

Michael Sarka,

Santa Cruz, California

Michael Sarka - January 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Linda, I am sorry to hear about Bill. I remember those good old days when I had to go and mow the Wren's lawn. I knew that if I did not do it right you would be after me, but if Bill were there he would calm things down a bit. I always enjoyed getting the opportunity to speak with Bill because he was such an all- round great person. I will always remember him. My thoughts and prayers go out to you Linda.

~

Nate Sanders,

West Des Moines, Iowa

Contact Me

Nate Sanders - January 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Bill Wren will always be remembered as one of the most positive and professional people I have ever met. Bill was a true gentleman and a person that would leave us all with a good feeling. The DFW Airport marketing team will miss him greatly.*

~

Joe Lopano,

DFW Airport

Joe Lopano - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ With all the heavy snow in Oregon, the "word of mouth" news of Bill's passing has just reached us. I knew he was a wonderful man just looking at the loving relationship he had with Linda, and the generous friendships that they started up with people like us that were just walking by. He had a sparkle in his eyes that made you feel that you and your friendship were highly valued. Our sympathy and prayers are with Linda, and all of the people who have been a valued part of his life.

~

Rick & Janice Hattenhauer,

Beaverton/Manzanita, Oregon

Rick & Janice Hattenhauer - January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ To all who have left notes to Linda and our families on Bill's passing, I would like to say "Thank you!"As we read these messages, through eyes that sometimes don't see clearly for a few seconds, we once again hear Bill's voice and see his smile in your words. The names we see here are so familiar; Bill loved to share stories about the time spent with so many of you. He did care, and he valued each person he met. I think it is a mark of the man that he was proudest of those times when he truly helped others, either one-on-one or through his work with Operation Smile, the Red Cross. the Dunkers, or the many other charities and groups he served. We will continue to visit this guest book and read your messages as long as they keep it available. Your memories and kind thoughts mean so much to all of us Wrens and Bixels. We already deeply miss my 'big brother,' Linda most of all. Thank you again. Andy and Marja Wren

~

Anthony & Marja Wren,

Paradise, California

Contact Me

Anthony & Marja Wren - January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Linda, we all have such fond memories of both Bill and you from your days at Gatwick. Bill was always there to help us grow the station for NWA - the early 80's were great fun for all concerned. God bless you Bill for everything. Bill and the sales team from London.

~

Bill Samuels,

London, England

Contact Me

Bill Samuels - January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Linda, Allen and I were so saddened to hear of Bill's passing. We four have had so many wonderful times together all around the world. We will remember them all with happy hearts and the fondest of memories. You two have always been so much more than just friends. All our love to you Allen and Jackie Johnson

~

Jacqueline Johnson,

Frisco, Texas

Jacqueline Johnson - January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Linda; We were very saddened after learning of Bill's passing. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family. Washington Street will never be the same so missing his happy strole to the Beach. Bryce & Chris Borisch

~

Chris Borisch,

Manzanita, Oregon

Contact Me

Chris Borisch - January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Hi Linda, Sally Reynolds from the beach. As everyone is I am in shock over Bills' death. My heart goes out to you. You both always looked so happy together. I know all of Washington street is sadden with this news. We are all here for you anytime you are here, love,
Sally

~

Sally Reynolds,

Manzanita, Oregon

Sally Reynolds - January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Linda, I just heard today of Bill's passing. I can not tell you how said I will be not hearing his wonderful voice and seeing his beautiful smile and sparkly eyes. He was a joy to me on Washington Street. Both Marc and I will miss him so very, very much. I send you hugs and kisses from Manzanita. My heart hurts for you. I am here anytime you need anything. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Shirley Meigs aka The Queen Manzanita, Oregon

~

Shirley Meigs,

Manzanita, Oregon

Shirley Meigs - January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Linda ... we feel so badly over the loss of Bill. Each time we met you two walking on Washington Avenue to or from the beach, or bumped into you on the beach, Bill was always so gracious, sincere and... well, ebullient. He was a man who made us feel good about ourselves and thankful for the life God had granted us. We will miss him. He was a prince and a gentleman ... our privilege to know him.

~

Bob & Karen Weaver,

Manzanita, Oregon

Bob & Karen Weaver - January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Dear Linda , Betty and I were so sorry to hear the news of the untimely death of Bill . We remember both of you from our meetings at Routes , especially our dinner together with Mike and Jane at KL in 2008 . Betty and I send you our warmest thoughts at this sad time
Betty and Eric Layden

~

Eric Layden,

Glasgow , Scotland

Eric Layden - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *I am saddened to hear of your loss. My wife and I were at the hospital for a car crash when they brought Bill in. My deepest condolences.*

~

Tom Anderson,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Tom Anderson - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I am saddend to hear of the passing of Bill. All who knew him will share in the loss.

~

Russ Smith,

Bethpage, Tennessee

Russ Smith - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Bill worked for the Better Business Bureau several years ago and we were always impressed by his ever-smiling face, beautiful ties, and how highly he spoke of his wife! On behalf of all the staff of the BBB, please accept our deepest sympathies, Linda.*

~

Barb Grieman,

St Paul, Minnesota

Barb Grieman - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Linda, Bill was a wonderful man and he'll truly be missed by all. I got to know Bill when he worked at the Better Business Bureau and he was such a fun man to work with. He was always dressed immaculately with those great ties, drinking coffee with raw sugar he brought in special. I remember him flying out on Fridays to Oregon and coming back for work on Monday. We loved the stories he would tell about where he had been, especially when he went to Denmark. My love and sympathies go out to you and your family. May we all look forward to the day when we will all be together again in God's care.

~

Jane Driggs,

Salt Lake City, Utah

Jane Driggs - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Linda, My heart goes out to you and your family. Bil was an asset to NWA employees. Retired F/A from NWA*

~

Carol Purvis,

Roseville, Minnesota

Carol Purvis - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Bill was always a kind and gentle, sharing human being. He influenced many in his ways and will be missed.* ”

~

Matt Gonring,

Libertyville, Illinois

Matt Gonring - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *It was a genuine pleasure to spend time with Bill. All of us will sincerely miss him.* ”

~

Christopher Minner,

Dallas, Texas

Christopher Minner - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Dear Linda, for over ten years Bill has felt more like family to me than friend and colleague. I am going to miss him so much. I am grateful for all the time i spent with you both and think of it with great affection. I send you my condolences and all my Love. He will be missed so much.

~

Nicki Atherton,

Manchester, UK

Contact Me

Nicki Atherton - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Lindal was just one of the many Northwest Airline employees (1964-2003) who knew and respected Bill. I was so pleased to have both of you sit at my table the year I celebrated my 25th Anniversary with NWA. A special remembrance for me. Bill was one of the good guys! It saddend me to hear of his passing. Diane Anselmo-Lacy Retired Flight Attendant and Union Representative

~

Diane Anselmo-Lacy,

Edina, Minnesota

Contact Me

Diane Anselmo-Lacy - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I have great memories visiting Bill and Linda in Manzanita and Portland through the years. Bill was a very impressive guy who seemed to enjoy the better things in life. May I add that he was an excellent cook, or at least my sister's greatest helper in the kitchen, always serving up delicious gourmet. I appreciated the fact that Bill quietly, without fanfare, participated in several charities, eg Operation Smile, which helps many kids to become more normal through surgery related to cleft palate, etc. He will be greatly missed by me and my family as a wonderful brother-in-law and fabulous husband to my cherished sister, Linda. Godspeed to you Linda as you go through these very trying times. How can you better appreciate a guy who loved the Eagles and Povarotti? You will Never be forgotten.

~

Noel Bixel,

Turlock, California

Contact Me

Noel Bixel - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *My Uncle Bill was a sincere, loving, fun, smiling, super guy and awesome companion for my Aunt Linda. He treated all of us with love and respect. All the kids loved him as I sure do. A positive influence in my life that I will miss so very much. Please give Linda support everyone as she, and the rest of Bill's family and friends, have lost a solid rock in their lives. Goodbye for now Uncle Bill.*

~

Robert Bixel,

Vancouver, Washington

Contact Me

Robert Bixel - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *There is the date you were born and the date of your death and in between is the DASH! Bill gave us a huge DASH, we will miss him!*

~

Sharon & Gordy Bredeson,

Mpls/Fort Myers Beach, Minnesota

Sharon & Gordy Bredeson - December 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Uncle Bill, there are few people I have met in my life who could light up a room like you did. Growing up, I could never stop smiling when you and Linda visited over the holidays. You were loved by many people and will be deeply missed. Thank you for being a part of my life, I will treasure those memories.

~

Scott Wren,

Longmont, Colorado

Contact Me

Scott Wren - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I was so sorry to hear of Bill's sudden passing. From Gatwick days and Northwest Airlines, to just the other day and Icelandair; Bill, thank you for all the support, advice and endless encouragement you have given me over the years. Miss you Bill.

~

Jessica Ginger(Nixon),

Rosemount, Minnesota

Jessica Ginger(Nixon) - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ For Linda, her family and Bill’s family I would like to offer my heartfelt sympathy. The eloquent remarks in the guest book so appropriately describe Bill’s congenial nature, his devotion to charity and his persona of a great human being. Bill touched many lives, and without doubt leaves fond memories with all who walked with him along his path in life. There is nothing left for me to add with the exception that being; Bill Wren was a "Man For All Time." God Bless

~

EDWARD JOHNSON,

INDIAN SHORES, Florida

Contact Me

EDWARD JOHNSON - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *I was saddened to learn of Bill's sudden passing. We both worked at Norhtwest Airlines for many years.*

~

Garry & Beverly Christensen,

Phoenix, Arizona

Garry & Beverly Christensen - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Linda....We were shocked and greatly saddened to hear of Bill's sudden death! He was truly one of the finest gentlemen we ever knew and we'll remember him always. His smile and personality made everyone feel special. We are thankful that we got to spend a glorious day in Manzanita with both of you this past summer. How we will miss him! Our prayers and sympathies are with you and your family. May God hold you in His arms thru' this sad time.

~

Dottie and Bill Schonely,

Portland, Oregon

Dottie and Bill Schonely - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Bill, you will be missed!*

~

Marty Clarke,

Centreville, Virginia

Contact Me

Marty Clarke - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I was shocked to learn of Bill's passing. I truly enjoyed the many years we had together at NWA and the relationship continued right to the end via email. I received emails from him almost every day. A true gentleman and role model. My condolences to the family you are all in my prayers.

~

Mike Bradley,

Bradenton, Florida

Contact Me

Mike Bradley - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Linda and family, It is with sad heart that Sharon and I add our condolences for your loss. Bill was a "stand-up guy". His accomplishments and deeds speak for the type of man he was! Smile as you think of how he surely must be smiling down from his new heavenly home.

~

Gene Krueger,

Federal Way, Washington

Contact Me

Gene Krueger - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Linda, I'm terribly sorry for your loss and my heart and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time.*

~

Tina Perez,

Eagan, Minnesota

Tina Perez - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dear Bill, wishing You a good journey and safe arrival. Lars ReuterNetherlands

~

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lars reuter - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Have very fond memories of Bill on my first day at NWA in London, and he will be missed by everyone whom he met during his time in Europe.*

~

John Shoemith,

London, UK

John Shoemith - December 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Uncle Bill had a secret handshake that was used liberally to greet and to say goodbye throughout my childhood. This was in addition to a warm smile followed by a hearty chuckle. His ability to remember people's names, spouses' names and small details always astounded me. I was saddened when my parents told me the news of his passing, especially for Aunt Linda. Bill and Linda were a team. Never Bill or Linda, always Bill AND Linda. I feel fortunate to have been able to see Bill this Thanksgiving, where he shared much of his life with my brother, his wife & I, that I had never known before. Reading these entries reminds me of how much else I didn't know, especially the impact of his professional life, and how it so often transitioned into his personal life. I will miss my uncle and those conversations yet to take place. But, I will not forget the secret handshake or the warmth he brought to the Wren family.

~

David Wren,

Boulder, Colorado

Contact Me

David Wren - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *In all of NWA land, indeed in all of the airline community there was only one Bill Wren. The respect and affection shown for him by these remembrances from the far corners of the globe bear witness to that fact. Heaven's gate keeper will welcome his wonderful smile. 'Till we meet again, Bill, God be with you.*

~

Dick and Doni Jo Schlader,

Bonita Springs, Florida

Dick and Doni Jo Schlader - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Bill will be remembered for many great qualities. But his capacity for community involvement was legendary. When he was chair of the St. Paul Red Cross board, he attended not only all of the board and executive committee meetings, but nearly all of the committee meetings, ex officio. Most were during the workday, and he had all his other community commitments at the same time, yet he was there, unfailingly. An incredibly kind, giving, caring individual. We will miss Bill greatly.*

~

David Therkelsen,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

David Therkelsen - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Oh, what a great guy Bill was, so very sorry to hear of his passing. I welcomed Bill to PDX as he walked off the airplane in his first visit to the Rose City as the new NWA Service Manager many years ago. And that began a wonderful addition to my life that unfortunately did not last long enough. Bill was one of those rare breed of men that always had a quick smile and a willingness to help. My thoughts and prayers are with you Linda.

~

Dave Riser,

Portland, Oregon

Dave Riser - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *God Bless the Wren Family: Mary and I are two one of Bill's many friends that will always think of him fondly.*

~

Don and Mary Livingston,

Nesbit, Mississippi

Don and Mary Livingston - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Linda, I am deeply sadden to hear of Bill's sudden passing. I will always remember him fondly from the good old days at Gatwick. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

~

Joanne Herndon (de Rome),

Tampa, Florida

Contact Me

Joanne Herndon (de Rome) - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Bill and I were part of a team that NWA sent to europe to start the operation. I used to tease him about his uncanny ability to remember everybodys first name. Bill was a special member of the NWA family and we will remember him always!! My sincere condolences to the family.*

~

Mike Barkley,

Pickwick Lake, Tennessee

Contact Me

Mike Barkley - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Linda, I was deeply saddened to hear about Bill's passing today. I was lucky to have worked on several projects with him over my years at NWA, taking away many valuable lessons. Bill was a man of great character and went out of his way to be kind to others, which in the airline business during those difficult times wasn't always easy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

~

Jill Sweiven,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Jill Sweiven - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *The number of heartfelt messages in this Guest Book reflect on a most remarkable man. All of us who knew Bill have lost a true friend. One of Bill's missions in life must have been to try to help every person he met and become their friend. Our sincere condolences to his family.*

~

Dick Smith,

Naples, Florida

Dick Smith - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Linda, I was deepy sadden to hear of Bill's passing away. Bill and I spent many great years working together at Northwest Airlines and he will be certianly missed by all.

~

John Klinkenberg,

Chanhassen, Minnesota

John Klinkenberg - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I met Bill in the Spring of 2000, when I started working at the MAC. We discussed cars...at the time we both owned an Acura and a Nissan. Several years ago, while waiting in line at the Nissan dealer, it looked as though I was going to need assistance with convincing the service department to take care of a problem. Bill was in front of me in the line, he walked over, greeted me with that great smile and looked over at the attendants, and again that smile! Within minutes they came up with a solution! Bill and I had several conversations about the Minnesota Twins and some of the wonderful cities that he had visited. Discussions with Bill were always interesting and enlightening. My fondest memory of Bill was his ability to remember details, events and names. When I first met Bill, we discussed the Oregon Coast, as my brother-in-law's family home is in Lake Oswego, OR and his family has property/vacation homes in Manzanita and Rockaway Beach, OR. Bill would ask how my sister and brother-in-law were doing and he always remembered the details relating to their jobs, re-locating, etc. His interest and caring ways will be remembered. We are so fortunate to have known him.

~

Jo Sohns,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Jo Sohns - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Bill was always a source of never ending encouragement. His constant smile and laughter was an unfailing positive in the work atmosphere at the Metropolitan Airports Commission. My deepest sympathy goes to the Wren family. His influence will be greatly missed by all.*

~

Aaron Frase,

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Aaron Frase - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *Bill I am saddened by your sudden departure from mother earth. It seems like yesterday that we first met in Hamburg during the summer of 1980. A true gentleman with a big and honest smile. During the last 8 years we often briefly met during one of your business trips to Frankfurt and it's only a few months ago that I saw you, on what would be your last trip to Germany. We talked about your future plans and that you were looking forward to your next chapter in lifemoving back to the Portland Oregon area with Linda. Bill... god speed. You will life on in my memories.*

~

Henk Hogervorst,

Nierstein-Germany)

Contact Me

Henk Hogervorst - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Bill was an inspiring mentor and supporter of business students at MSU, Mankato. He particularly liked helping international students adapt and succeed. Bill had great insight and was a valuable advisor. We mourn his passing.*

~

Scott Johnson,

Mankato

Scott Johnson - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Hi Linda..It has been many years since I've been in contact with you or Bill. You have my deepest sympathy.

~

David Hopkins,

Tucson, Arizona

David Hopkins - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Dear Linda and all of Bill's Family,As a 22-year employee of NWA, I first became acquainted with Bill, in 1981, via teletype (PLT) messages when he was based in Europe. Bill genuinely cared about people at all levels of the organization, always sharing his smile, handshake and wisdom.His values, leadership and style will be missed by many at NWA, the industry and the community.It was truly a privilege to know such a fine person.Sincerely,

~

Thomas Novitzki,

Eagan, Minnesota

Contact Me

Thomas Novitzki - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Linda and the Wren family. Bill was truly the best friend that the pilots of NWA ever had from Northwest Management...I go back to the PDX days with Bill. Always a smile and helpful in any way possible....He will surely be missed by all. I know he will be flying West in 1st Class and can ride in the cockpit anytime he wants that's for sure! Farewell my friend. Warmest regards, Larry and Susan Owen

~

Lawrence Owen,

Miami, Florida

Contact Me

Lawrence Owen - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ ~

Don Wilkinson,

Williamstown, New Jersey

Contact Me

Don Wilkinson - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ ~

Michael Barkley,

pickwick lake, Tennessee

Contact Me

Michael Barkley - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Having met Bill in 1967 when he hired me as a pilot for Northwest airlines, I have always considered him a friend. No matter what his position, he had a kind word for his fellow employees. My condolences to his family. John Lee (Cannon Falls, MN)

~

John Lee,

Cannon Falls

John Lee - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I feel honoured to have met Bill. He always appeared to have time for everyone, his positive energy and warm smile will be treasured by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with Linda and family at this sad time. x

~

Hilary Shearer,

Manchester (UK)

Hilary Shearer - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Dear Linda, I am truly saddened to hear of Bill's passing. It is a privilege to have known him and I know he will be sorely missed. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

~

Mark Mulligan,

Manchester, UK

Mark Mulligan - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Bill was a true gent and will be sorely missed by so many of his industry friends all over the world.*

~

Sadie Platt,

Manchester, UK

Sadie Platt - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Dear Linda, I was so shocked and sorry to hear of Bill's sudden passing. Both my wife Carla and I both go way back to the days at PDX and then LGA, and memories of a handshake and a warm smile always made me feel like an old friend. One of my fondest memories of Bill is how it seemed even after just the first meeting he remembered folks' names, which revealed a genuine interest in other people. As Bill rose through the corporate structure at NWA many of us hoped we would all one day be working for him. He was truly a great guy and he will be sorely missed by his many friends. May God give you comfort and peace in the days ahead as you say goodbye to him. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers.

~

Art Debernarde,

Fallbrook, California

Art Debernarde - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Dear Linda, I remember Bill from the days on the West Coast and skinning with you all in Big Sky. I am so sorry. He was definitely one of the best. Chane*

~

Chane Howard,

Palm Desert, California

Chane Howard - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *What a gentleman! What a smile! He will be with us always. Linda, our thoughts are with you and your family. Charlie & Carol*

~

Charlie Boone,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Charlie Boone - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Bill was probably the finest member of Northwest's management that I met in 32 years with the Company, and an instant friend to all he met. I'm truly saddened to hear of his passing.*

~

Arthur Partridge,

Portland, Oregon

Contact Me

Arthur Partridge - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I had the opportunity to work with Bill at the MAC and was very saddened to hear of his passing. My heartfelt condolences to his family during this very difficult time.

~

Jennifer Bagdade,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Jennifer Bagdade - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Linda, I am sure sorry for your loss. Your husband was the most professional and likeable person on the NWA management team in my 34 years with the company.*

~

Don Bergman,

Punta Gorda, Florida

Don Bergman - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Linda, my deepest sympathies for the passing of Bill. It was a privilege to have known Bill and traveling with Bill this past June to Mexico City was very memorable. As one my mentors, I learned that he genuinely cared for others and lived by the Golden Rule. He treated others with respect and had their best interest in mind. His smile, those colorful ties he wore and his keen ability to touch people in a unique way I will miss dearly. God Bless, Carlos.

~

Carlos Lopez,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Carlos Lopez - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Linda, It has been many years since I last saw or spoke with you and Bill, but it certainly does not mean that you haven't been in my thoughts. We go way back to the LGA, TPA & PDX days of layovers, dinners and skiing. Wow, that was too many years ago. What a guy he was and he knew that he was lucky to have you as his mate. May you find comfort in all of the great years that you had together. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

~

Bill Layton,

Kilmarnock, Virginia

Bill Layton - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *Linda & Family, Bill will certainly be missed. He was one of the exceptional people at the Red Tail airline that should have been promoted to CEO back in the 70's. His management style was leap years ahead of those that he reported to. God bless you and yours.*

~

Vernon Feedback,

Alberton, Montana

Vernon Feedback - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *It was a shock to learn of Bill's sudden passing. He was a breath of very fresh air at PDX during his years here. We missed him after his promotions to Europe and the G.O. His efforts will be missed around the planet.*

~

Skip White,

Portland, Oregon

Contact Me

Skip White - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Mr Wren was a joyously wonderful man, a gentleman of charm and wit. I am very saddened to learn of his passing. My thoughts are with Mrs Wren and his family.*

~

Shehzad Mahroof,

Manchester

Contact Me

Shehzad Mahroof - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Having seen and talked with Bill only a few weeks back, word of his passing is all the more sudden and saddening for me. I remember him to always be quick with a smile and a genuine greeting as well as highly competent, reliable, rational (often when most of those around him weren't) and unfailingly trustworthy. Bill was a true gentleman and an absolute professional; he'll be well and truly missed, not only by myself, but by many worldwide. My deepest condolences to Linda and the Wren family. Godspeed old friend.

~

Peter Stark,

Deephaven, Minnesota

Contact Me

Peter Stark - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Linda, I am so sorry. I remember the coffees my crew and I enjoyed with you and Bill at the PDX cafeteria. you were still with Braniff. once at LGW , Dorothy and I got bumped from our flight. Bill listed us on another flight, and got us home on schedule. And he ran the NWA benevolence matching program for a while. A great man.

~

Lowell Schroeder,

Issaquah, Washington

Contact Me

Lowell Schroeder - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Linda, So very sorry to hear of your loss. Bill will be missed in our industry. Please know that our thoughts are with you and your family during this time of loss. Todd Doherty
Prince George Airport
Authority Prince George, BC, Canada

~

Todd Doherty,

Prince George, British Columbia

Todd Doherty - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Linda, My heartfelt sympathies go out to you and your family! I have never known a finer gentleman than Bill Wren. If only ALL management could be like him! I had many occasions to work with Bill through the years at NWA and I was always impressed with his smile, his attitude, and his willingness to help the crews do OUR jobs better by offering to provide us with whatever we needed to "get the job done better & on time"! After a first brief introduction with Bill, whenever you met him again he not only would remember your name but made you feel that you were his personal friend and he instilled a "trust" that was quite unusual for the corporate level executive. He truly was "one of a kind" and will be sorely missed! God Bless you & your family in this time of bereavement! Ken K.

~

Kenneth Kelm,

Camano Island, Washington

Contact Me

Kenneth Kelm - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Linda.. I was extremely saddened to here of Bills passing.. We go back a long way, all the way back to PDX and LGA.. His wonderful smile and open greeting to all he met drew him and his personality into ones confidence.. I thought of Bill oftensince retirement in 2001 and wished that we could have had one more great handshake.. We will miss him..

~

Larry Daudt,

Boerne, Texas

Larry Daudt - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Linda, What a shock to learn of Bill's death! He was loved and respected by all who met him. As an NWA pilot I first got to know Bill back when he was a staion manager at PDX. He always had a smile and was wanting to do whatever he could to improve the service from PDX. My thoughts are with you and his family at this time of grieving. He will be missed by all who came to know him.

~

Dick Wakefield,

Marco Island, Florida

Contact Me

Dick Wakefield - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Bill always lit up the room. He'll be missed by all of us at Padilla Speer Beardsley who had the good fortune to work with him over the years. Our hearts and prayers go out to you, Linda, and to his family.* Lynn Casey

~

Lynn Casey,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lynn Casey - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. To know him was to have a friend. I always looked forward to seeing him both in New York and in Portland. He will certainly be missed.

~

Jim Bestul,

Shorewood, Minnesota

Jim Bestul - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Bill was always a friend of mine back when I was a great friend of his and Claude Crabb his great friendship as well. I will cherish his friend and remember him always forever.*

~

Bob Bartholomay,

Bermuda Dunes, California

Bob Bartholomay - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Linda, Joan and I were saddened to read of Bill's passing in todays paper. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. While we worked together at Northwest just a short time, I always enjoyed Bill and we would occasionally run into each other after he left. As many others have said, he will be greatly missed and he left the gate way to early. Bill and Joan Slattery

~

Bill and Joan Slattery,

Greenwood, Minnesota

Bill and Joan Slattery - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Dear Linda and Family, Thank you for sharing Bill with us for these many years. He was the one person in Northwest management who never took sides back in the days when there was a lot of "them vs. us" talk. He had a way of making everyone he met feel that they were special. The world would do well to consider all of the positives that he brought to any organization to which he belonged. What a role model he is for us all! Thinking of you in the difficult days ahead. God Bless you all.

~

Ray Alexander,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Ray Alexander - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My condolences to the Wren family. I remember Bill as a member of the NWA management team in Portland. Always positive and a big smile for all that he met.*

~

Joe Baron,

Clearwater, Florida

Joe Baron - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Withouta doubt Bill was one of the greatest assets, ever, of Northwest Airlines. Linda, hang on to all of those memories. He was respected by everyone whoever worked with him. The years he was with us were truly the Golden Ones!

~

Roger Moberg,

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Roger Moberg - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I was saddened and shocked to hear of the passing of my friend of 40 years. I have such wonderful memories from being neighbors when we both started at NWA, moving him to Oregon, and getting the phone call when he met Linda telling me she was the one. I was honored to be the Best Man at thier wedding, then followed his career rise at Northwest. No one who knew Bill could ever forget him. He touched so many peoples lives all over the world. While cut much to short, he led a life well lived. He set the bar high in his professional and personel relationships. He also had the most remarkable memory. I don't think he forgot then names of anyone he ever met. Nobody loved to travel more thatn Bill but this trip came much to soon. While miles may have seperated us over the years our love never faded. Our heartfelt condolences to Linda and his family. Roxanne and I will miss him so much.

~

Lloyd Argyle,

Roy, Washington

Lloyd Argyle - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Linda, I'm so sad to hear about Bill. He was a great character and will be missed in the aviation industry. My sympathy is with you and your family.*

~

Nigel Mayes,

Manchester, UK

Contact Me

Nigel Mayes - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Linda and Family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Bill. It was a privilege to have worked with him at Northwest Airlines. He was a true friend to all of us. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you.*

~

Lynn Sinclair,

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Lynn Sinclair - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Linda: I am so sorry for your loss. Words of comfort are hard to come by at a time when your life is unexpectedly changed forever. May God give you strength. Take care and God Bless.*

~

Jean Clewette,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Jean Clewette - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ *Murph & I knew Bill, as a friend of my brother Capt. Lloyd Argyle, NWA, retired. We would see him & Linda, at social gatherings, as we visited with Lloyd. His warm smile was contagious, and we enjoyed his sense of humor. He was so good, in his many business positions, and a great asset to them all..... Our sincere sympathy, to Linda & his family.*

~

Glenda & Murph Rosenstein,

Medford, Oregon

Contact Me

Glenda & Murph Rosenstein - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Bill was an outstanding person and I feel lucky to have known him.
He will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.*

~

Lisa Peilen,

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Lisa Peilen - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bill's death. He has been a great supporter of the COB for Minnesota State University, Mankato. He will missed.*

~

Vicki Luoma,

Burnsville, Minnesota

Vicki Luoma - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Few people have helped more people or changed more lives than the everyday actions that were taken by Bill Wren. He was a friendly, kind and inspiring person who was genuinely interested in people and making the world a better place. I was privileged to know him through our Red Cross interactions. You've left the world better than you found it Bill.

~

Ray Morris,

Mendota Heights, Minnesota

Ray Morris - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Like so many others who were drawn to Bill by his charm, smile and warmth, I am deeply grieved and bewildered by his unexpected death. My condolences to Linda.

~

Trudy Carson,

Tampa, Florida

Trudy Carson - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ *Bill Wren, a man liked by most all that he came in contact. He had the smile, wit, and charm, with a small hint of mischief in his eye, of a "gentleman's gentleman". He was the last of the "Red Tail" upper management team whose desire was to operate an airline while maintaining respect from his fellow employees. Bill has been a friend since he came onto the 'property' - and he will be missed - Psalm 23.*

~

Dayle "Rowdy" Yates,

Cumming, Georgia

Dayle "Rowdy" Yates - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I was very saddened to learn that Bill passed away last Friday. I am very grateful that I was able to enjoy his company at an ACI-NA conference during early December in Washington, DC. He was a pleasure to work with and will be sorely missed by ACI-NA staff as well as his many airport colleagues. In addition to all of his aviation expertise and insights, Bill was one of the nicest people I have known. I was not surprised to learn of his many charitable and community activities. He clearly was an incredibly generous, kind person. My thoughts and prayers are with Bill's family.

~

Diane Peterson,

Washington, District of Columbia

Contact Me

Diane Peterson - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Linda, my sympathy to you and family. I have so many fond memories of conversations with Bill from our NWA DAYS, he was always ready with a smile and a word of encouragement. He will be greatly missed.*

~

Lloyd Melvie,

Spicer, Minnesota

Lloyd Melvie - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I grew to know Bill over the past couple of decades through airport conferences, and his connection to Operation Smile which is headquartered in Norfolk. I always had high regard for him because of his positive outlook and genuineness. He was a gentleman with a big smile and always a good word. My sincere condolences go out to his family.

~

Charlie Braden,

Norfolk, Virginia

Charlie Braden - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ To dear Lindal cannot express our sadness in hearing the loss of Bill, he has been a friend and a mentor for many years, his welcoming smile and outlook to life was amazing, always willing to listen, and always willing to advise. Bill, rest well! Jane & Mike Berman

~

Mike Berman,

Manchester, England

Mike Berman - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ I have known and worked with Bill for many years. He was always a pleasure to work with because of his warm, caring personality and his sense of professionalism. I'm sure he will be greatly missed. -
Erin

~

Erin Dunn,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Erin Dunn - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I'm so sad to hear about Bill. I was lucky enough to know Bill through a board we sat on together. It was probably his 20th board but it was one of my firsts. He was always such a welcoming man who easily connected to anyone at any level. I learned alot from Bill and I admired everything about him. May you find peace and comfort knowing that there were countless people who respected Bill for countless reasons. For every person close to Bill there had to be literally hundreds who weren't so close, yet we all shared a common privilege having his positive influence in our lives.

~

Jim Saccoman,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Jim Saccoman - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Bill was one of the true gentlemen of aviation; he will be missed, though certainly not forgotten. Bill's enthusiasm for his work and passion for life was infectious, he was and always will be a positive role model for me and everyone who had the pleasure to know him.*

~

Kevin Healy,

Winter Park, Florida

Kevin Healy - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ *It was always a pleasure to see Bill and be greeted with that legendary big smile and a warm hug. He will be sorely missed by all those who had the great fortune of knowing him. My thoughts and prayers are with you Linda at this sad time x x*

~

Victoria Jones,

Manchester, England

Contact Me

Victoria Jones - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Linda, Debbie and I are so saddened to hear of Bill's sudden passing. I had the privilege to work with Bill on so many levels and he was the one that brightened up every circumstance (especially with those ties). You and Bill are the ones we always sought out at the many social events. We will miss him and always remember him.

~

Gene and Debbie Winstead,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Gene and Debbie Winstead - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I was very saddened to hear about Bill's sudden death while driving into work this morning. I thought of Bill as a very kind hearted man who was definitely a CLASS ACT. His warm smiles always asking me how I am doing made my mornings bright at the MAC. Bill I feel truly blessed to have known you. You will always be remembered and missed dearly. RIP!

~

Debra Johnson,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Debra Johnson - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ I was privileged to know Bill Wren professionally and he was one of the most genuinely considerate people I have ever met. Through our aviation policy related correspondence, he always managed to also let me know a few tidbits of his personal life as well. We shared a love of Monterey, CA and I know he was able at Thanksgiving to go to the west coast and see many family and friends he had not seen in a long time. I am so happy he got to do that. Just last Thursday, he emailed me how nice it was to see everyone in Washington at the ACI conference we both attended the first week of December, and as usual added in his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. To his family, I have never met you, but you are in my thoughts and prayers. If Bill was that nice to people he only knew professionally, I can imagine he was a great joy to have in the family. Many of us share your sadness. Anita Kayser (USA-BIAS)

~

Anita Kayser,

Washington

Contact Me

Anita Kayser - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *Bill has been a co-worker and friend at both Northwest Airlines and the MAC. Knowing Bill and Linda has been a pleasure. Bill's passion for helping others was contagious and admired. Making people smile and feel good came natural to Bill. We will miss the things he brought to so many lives. Our thoughts are with Linda and family.*

~

Arlie Johnson,

Eagan, Minnesota

Arlie Johnson - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ We all lost a great friend and person with the passing of Bill Wren.No one made more friends and did more for NWA and other people than Bill did.It was an honor and a privilege to have met and worked with such a wonderful person.My sympathy goes out to his family.Mike Nevin

~

Mike Nevin,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Mike Nevin - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *I am truly saddened to learn of Bill's passing. I knew him as a kind and friendly soul who always offered a smile and welcoming handshake. A wonderful man who served his community and state in so many ways. We will all miss him very much. My prayers today will be for Bill's family.*

~

Richard Bauer,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Richard Bauer - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Linda, so sad on hearing of Bill's sudden passing, my wife Lynn and I grieve with you, and will be in our prayers. Those we love are never really lost to us-- we feel them in so many special ways-- through friends they always cared about and dreams they left behind, in beauty that they added to our days. In words of wisdom we still carry with us and memories that never will be gone... Those we love are never really lost to us. For everywhere their special love lives on.

~

Bobby & Lynn Ghamandi,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Bobby & Lynn Ghamandi - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *It was a great pleasure to experience Bill's leadership in charitable work both at the American Red Cross and now at the Airport Foundation MSP. May his life of service inspire others.*

~

Vicky Fodor,

Roseville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Vicky Fodor - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *It was always a pleasure to talk to Bill at work at the MAC -- he always had a smile, and a penchant for remembering names and details. It is a loss for us all. God's peace to his family.*

~

Terri Behrends-Singer,

Richfield, Minnesota

Terri Behrends-Singer - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I was fortunate to know Bill through our 20 year association with Red Cross. He was the most positive, warm and outgoing individual one can imagine. He will be noticeably missed.

~

Randy Wallake,

St. Paul

Randy Wallake - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ How sad it is to read of Bill's passing. He will be remembered as a true friend to all of the crewmembers that flew through the stations he managed for NW. He was always there to meet and greet the flights and make sure that all was well. As a VP for NW his office door was open and he listened and acted, always with the best interests of NW and it employees and passengers in mind. His smile and warm greeting will be sorely missed. We are all better for knowing Bill. May the Lord welcome you home and grant peace to your family. Thanks for being our friend.

~

Tom Schellinger,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Tom Schellinger - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Dear Linda: We will sorely miss Bill's wonderful smile and consistently positive outlook toward life. Many years of work and travel with Bill have enhanced all of our lives.*

~

Jon Ash,

Washington, District of Columbia

Jon Ash - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Vava and I were saddened to hear of Bill's passing but were much richer for having had the opportunity to know and spend time with Bill and Linda. Our hearts go out to Linda and the families who have lost Bill.

~

Gordy Wennerstrom,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Contact Me

Gordy Wennerstrom - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I was saddened to learn the news of Bill's passing. What a wonderful man he was. He will be dearly missed by all. Bill touched so many lives and made such a positive affect upon many. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

~

Beth Bright,

Okoboji, Iowa

Beth Bright - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *It will all be said by others who are better writers than myself but I will add my thoughts. Bill was definately one of the finest individuals that I ever had the opportunity to meet and my life, along with all of the other NWA folks, was enriched by knowing him. Bill, you will be sorely missed!*

~

Dick Dodge,

Flat Rock, North Carolina

Contact Me

Dick Dodge - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Linda, I was a Supervisor for many years at the MSP airport and worked for many many years with Bill. I am deeply saddened to hear of his sudden death. May you find God's comfort in knowing how many peoples lives he touched in so many wonderful ways. What an honor to have been a part of his life.

~

Linda (Lund) Clawson,

Kennebunkport, Maine

Linda (Lund) Clawson - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *My Uncle Bill was a great guy that I wish I could have have lived closer to and been around more. He was always a first class act and a top notch host along with my Aunt Linda. He will be greatly missed by me as well as my siblings and cousins.*

~

Gregg Bixel,

Escalon, California

Gregg Bixel - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am retired now, but back then I ran into Bill frequently during his different assignments with NWA. It was always a pleasure to be around him. A true gentleman. My deepest sympathy.

~

Jens Houby,

Friday Harbor, Washington

Jens Houby - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Bill. During my tenure as CEO of the American Red Cross, North Central Blood Services, I had the opportunity to work with Bill as a member of our board of directors. He gave so much to the community and was a true man of integrity. My sympathy goes out to the family.

~

Rick Panning,

Shoreview, Minnesota

Rick Panning - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *Bill, you were a good mate and like an older brother to me. I will miss the regular contact across the miles that we had. You clearly left us well before your time and the world has lost one of the most genuine, likeable individuals. You asked frequently about the progress of your godson, Will, in England and that meant a lot to him and me. Take care mate, you were the best. Andy and Will Kynoch, England.*

~

Andy Kynoch,

Ashington West Sx England

Contact Me

Andy Kynoch - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *I was sadden to learn of Bill's passing. I worked with him . For several years we had a running commentary about his beautiful ties. I enjoyed many conversations with Bill. He was a very nice warm gentleman. My condolences to his family and loved ones.*

~

Juan Lopez,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Juan Lopez - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ It is too hard to believe that Bill is gone, snatched away from his beloved Linda in his prime, with so much yet to do and enjoy, and so many miles yet to be traveled. Bill was the epitome of all that was truly great about Northwest Orient -- competent, hard-working, but friendly and approachable at the same time. Most of all, he loved his airline and so many people in it, with an affection that was returned many times over. He truly had friends all over the world, anywhere a red tail flew. I am going to miss the great conversations we had, with his wealth of information and wonderful stories about Northwest. There was still so much more to talk about.... Dear Linda, my thoughts are with you. May you find comfort in the blessing of so many friends who share your loss.

~

Donna Corbett,

Reading, Massachusetts

Contact Me

Donna Corbett - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *My first contact with Bill was about 1968 when he was at Spokane, WA. I was flying B - 727's through there many times and Bill was a joy for crew members. Bill always greeted everyone with his wonderful smile. One could not help but like him. Bill was the same when he was in London and a great help to crews. I always enjoyed meeting Bill where ever he was. God Bless you, Bob Burns*

~

Bob Burns,

Excelsior, Minnesota

Bob Burns - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ I knew Bill from our airline days and also I worked with him on projects while he was at MAC. He was always generous of his time and always glad to see you. I will miss him greatly.

~

Paul Turney,

Edina, Minnesota

Paul Turney - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Though we went separate directions after our days with NW, Bill always stayed in touch, with visits with each other in Hong Kong, and other far reaches of the world. I will certainly miss his friendship. We were in touch with each other via e mail just this last week, making his sudden passing more unsettling. He will be missed by more people than his family realizes. My deepest sympathies to his family and all those who's lives Bill touched. Rich

~

Rich Sells,

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Contact Me

Rich Sells - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ It isn't easy to say Goodbye to one of the nicest men we have ever known. Bill was a wonderful individual that left us all way too soon. He had so much left to do and needed much more time to enjoy the Oregon coast with Linda. Bill, we will miss you as will your legion of friends from NWA. Have a smooth flight west and may you rest in peace! Don't forget to send me your updated email address when you get it and don't forget to eat all your mushy peas!

~

Doug & Dianne Wulff,

Dade City, Florida

Contact Me

Doug & Dianne Wulff - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Bill, I miss you already and I will miss those ties your wife picked out for you. Kay Bochert*

~

Kay Bochert,

Edina, Minnesota

Kay Bochert - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *My wife Pat and I are saddened to learn that our friend Bill Wren has passed from this earth. He was a model for us all and will be truly missed. Our prayers go to Linda and the family.*

~

Larry Cox,

Memphis, Tennessee

Larry Cox - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Bill was a great colleague and an honorable man. He will be sorely missed. My deepest sympathies go out to his lovely wife, Linda.*

~

Mark Haneke,

Vancouver, British Columbia

Contact Me

Mark Haneke - December 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM