Ronald Stuart Davis

February 1, 1943 - March 18, 2014

Ron Stuart Davis, age 71, departed this earth on March 18, 2014 in St George, Utah. His wife, Gloria, was at his side wishing him a smooth flight and a soft landing in God's hands.

Ron was born on February 1, 1943 in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Dorothy Hauenschild Davis and John Stuart Davis but grew up in Clearwater, Florida. When Ron was only 10 years old, his beloved "Granny" (Alta Davis), treated him to his first airplane ride, and his feet never touched the ground again. He knew from that moment that he wanted to be a pilot and wasted no time in reaching that goal. His flying lessons began when he was 15 and at 21 he joined Delta Airlines. Ron remained with Delta for 34 wonderful years. He took early retirement and continued his dream career with Boeing in Seattle, Washington. He loved that he was able to continue to fly and his work took him to some exotic, some not so exotic, countries all around the Globe.

Ron loved what he did for a living and unlike most of us; he considered his work his hobby. What a joy to look forward to every day. How great is that?

Ron was preceded in death by his first wife Katherine Klinke Davis (who died in 1990); with whom he had two sons: Carlton Stuart Davis and Paul Stuart Davis. His father, John, died in 1968 and his mother, Dorothy, died in 1982.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Gloria Davis; his sons Carl of Kent, Washington and Paul of Round Rock, Texas and their wives, Jeanette and Darhla; and four grandchildren: Brandon Vollmar of Fredericksburg, Texas; Katherine Davis of Round Rock, Texas; and Garrett Davis and Elizabeth Davis of Maple Valley, Washington.

Ron loved life and lively conversation. Along with his family and career, he immensely enjoyed the company of his friends. It was his wish that there be a “life celebration” at a later date. His instructions were “that everyone have a good time, tell a joke or two, and laugh and giggle.” Gloria promised Ron that she would follow his instructions.

He also asked Gloria to take one last road trip with him and gave her very specific instructions on where to scatter some of his ashes. This too will be done! And a final request was the inscription on his tombstone: “ashes traveling”!

Ron traveled the world and clearly enjoyed an incredible life. He left his footprints on a lot of hearts. He will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

If you wish to make a donation in his memory, Ron asked that you remember his favorite charity – Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah.

You are invited to share memories at www.serenicareofstgeorge.com.

Tribute Wall

CA

Ron, may you rest in peace. You were a wonderful friend, now that you are gone I can say I really miss you. My condolences to your family..

Carol - July 18, 2015 at 05:06 PM

JH

To the family and friends of Capt. Ronald S. Davis,

On behalf of the Delta Golden Wings, the fraternal organization of retired Delta pilots, of which Captain Davis was a member, I wish to extend to you the condolences and sympathies of our members at the passing of Capt. Ronald S. Davis

The bond of friendship and respect from time shared in the cockpit as Delta pilots is an enduring one that transcends generations. His spirit will now be a companion to aviators through the ages.

Sincere Best Wishes,
Capt. James J. Hoogerwerf (ret.)
DGW, Secretary

James Hoogerwerf - April 29, 2014 at 09:38 AM

SM

We are all so sad to hear about Mr. Davis' passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.
Yours truly,
Sharon Richens, MD and staff

Sharon Richens, MD - April 11, 2014 at 01:25 PM

MO

Captain Ron Davis Is A Great Noble Soul

Came into contact with him in 2001 during my Boeing 737 training in Seattle

Attracted to his excellent professionalism as a flight Instructor and nicety as a human being

Passing away of Ron Davis is a huge personal loss and is extremely difficult for me to bear

The time that I had with him when he visited Muscat was not only pleasant but also memorable

Always very helpful in his approach and as an Instructor he created an incomparable charisma

Inspiring personality with a touch of humility and friendliness and commanded high respect

Never compromised standards and maintaining high quality is the hallmark of his reputation

Revered as a thorough gentleman with pleasing manners & above all a man without any ego

Outstanding in his skills and his total commitment to the task is really exceptional and superb

Nice family man, always ensured the working & living environment was happy and cordial

Deep & an irreparable loss to one & all associated with him but to the family it is very huge

At this time of grief I share the feelings of uncontrollable sorrow with

the family members

Value his friendship as a precious asset and a man of synergy making 1 + 1 as more than two

Invaluable is his contributions to the profession & to the people and forever I remember you

Stating my most sincere prayers to Almighty for the soul to rest in peace & remain immortal

Gloria, as you know, you have a second home in Oman and most welcome at anytime my Dear

Muscat / 11 April 2014 From : Captain Mohammed Al Mahrooqy (Oman Air)

Mohammed - April 11, 2014 at 01:46 AM

SP

Dear Gloria and Carl, the Big Guy will surely be missed. We have wonderful memories of our times together here at Dirty Dan Steakhouse, the California wine country, Cabo San Lucas, our Mexico Cruise, dinners at your home, and the many football games. Our hearts and blessings are with you. Love Steve and Kathy Papadakis

Steve and Kathy Papadakis - April 07, 2014 at 03:29 PM

CP

Gloria and Carl, my sympathy and prayers to you.
Hi Ron, this is Constantine. I am going to miss you but I am reminded of the good times we had at Chuckanut, Los Cabos and elsewhere. We will catch up on the other side someday. Cheers.

Constantine Papadakis - April 07, 2014 at 03:10 PM

DM

Going to miss that Big Guy. Ron and I shared a lot of good times, from China through India.
My deepest sympathy to you, Gloria.
Duane Martin

Duane Martin - April 07, 2014 at 12:40 PM

CA

I considered Ron to be a best friend and I have never had too many of those. We had great times around the world with Boeing. It is sad to know that we will never have any more times together. He was the best!

Cal Augustin - April 07, 2014 at 05:33 AM

RH

à bientôt Ron & Bon Voyage ! Can still remember 40 years ago when we met you in Normandy ! Carl & Paul were kids! Our thoughts & prayers for you Gloria.

Huard family, France

R. Huard - April 07, 2014 at 01:01 AM

DC

Ron and I became close friends when we worked the Delta 767-400 program together. Two cruises and other trip together were fun filled both at work and after. He was always a pleasure to be around and we will miss him dearly. Dearest Gloria, Ron was why we got to know you but just because he is no longer with us does not mean you should fade away. Please stay in touch.
With our love, Connie and David

David Cordera - April 06, 2014 at 08:08 PM

CE

Gloria, my dear, you know Ted and I are sending our deepest sympathies and lots of love. We shared many great times with you and Ron, and hold you closely in our hearts.
With love from
Ted and Carolyn

Carolyn Embry - April 06, 2014 at 07:43 PM

JB

Ron occupies a top-level spot on my list of the most intelligent, gifted and capable persons I've ever known. His devilish imagination, coupled with a boundless sense of humor, was a true "ongoing experience" for all who knew him. He gave new meaning to the phrase "living life to the utmost". Jack Blaz

JACK BLAZ - April 06, 2014 at 07:02 PM

BW

Ron was a good friend and a real pleasure to work with during our time at Boeing. He was well liked by everyone and always the centerpiece of group activities. He made everything more interesting. My condolences to his family, especially Gloria and his son Carl.

Bob Wilkerson

Bob Wilkerson - April 06, 2014 at 06:38 PM

EL

Dear Gloria, I am saddened by the loss of Ron. We flew together often, he taught me so much about the MD 11 but most importantly Ron taught me how to have fun doing it. Wonderful man, superb pilot and the most knowledgeable single malt drinker I ever knew.
Ed Little

ed little - April 06, 2014 at 06:23 PM

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James J. Hoogerwerf - April 06, 2014 at 12:08 PM

JU

Ron became one of my closest friends before and after we both took early retirement from Delta in 1997. We then worked together at Boeing. As Ron use to say often, we laughed and giggled and enjoyed our work at Boeing. I will and do miss him very much.

John Uskovich

John Uskovich - April 05, 2014 at 10:32 PM

DH

So sorry for the loss of your husband and father.....Ron was always a pleasure to work with.

Don Henry - April 05, 2014 at 07:24 PM