



Martin D. Flanagan

April 23, 2023

Martin Duane Flanagan passed away April 20, 2023 with family by his side at the age of 87. He was born September 9, 1935 in Ypsilanti, MI to Martin Rudolf and Monica Grace (nee Smith) Flanagan. All of his early years were in Ypsilanti, graduating in 1953. He began his lifelong career at Trans World Airlines working nights loading cargo while in high school. He enlisted in the US Army in April 1954 to April 1956 as a motor mechanic in Alaska. After an honorable discharge he went back to TWA in Detroit. While there he took flying lessons and also took his first solo flight. He later transferred to Cleveland in the late 60's. He made many lifelong friendships with fellow coworkers. He retired from TWA after 49 years in 2001. Through his years working for the airlines he enjoyed traveling around the world with his wife Judi. He counted over 100 passport stamps and made many trips across the Atlantic Ocean. Duane is survived by his wife Judi (nee Schmoker) Flanagan, daughters from a previous marriage Jill Franz, Karen (Kirk Kennedy) Reichle, stepdaughter Dianne (Dennis Panozzo). Grandchildren Billy, Kristy, Jessica, Melissa, Micheal, Kelly, Bryan, and Meredith. Great grandchildren Martin and Sadie. Sister Carole Jackson, sister in law Jill Buchfinck, special cousins Julian and Carol Eldridge of England and nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, son Martin Robert (Michele) Flanagan, Brothers in law Jack Buchfinck and James Jackson. There will be a celebration of life at the Flanagan home. Date to be determined. Memorials may be given in Duane's honor to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Duane was one of the nicest fellow employees I have ever known. Kind, considerate, helpful during my orientation into the TWA! I always smile thinking of him and I will miss our get-togethers...R.I.P. good friend...”

Deana Lutz - April 25, 2023 at 05:14 PM

JC

“ I am so sad to hear this! MDF was a great man and my very first mentor as an "adult" at the fresh old age of 19/20! My condolences to Judi and the entire Flanagan family! FTF MDF! (He'd get a good chuckle on that, it was an inside joke between us)”

Jennifer Camp - April 25, 2023 at 05:09 PM

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for Judy and Duane's entire family.”

Frank Sandonato - April 25, 2023 at 11:11 AM