



Harry T Snow Jr.

May 13, 1941 - June 19, 2021

Harry Thomas Snow, Jr. (Tom) passed away Saturday, June 19th, 2021, at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, surrounded by loving family. Born in Exeter, New Hampshire on May 13th, 1941, Harry graduated from Sanborn Seminary in 1959. Immediately following his graduation from Sanborn, Harry followed his dream by attending the United States Air Force Academy. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in June of 1963 and was sworn in as a Second Lieutenant. He completed pilot training in Laredo, Texas on September 11, 1964, and was assigned as a C-130 Hercules pilot with the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing at Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio. Harry served in the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1969 in the 374th Tactical Aircraft Wing at Naha AFB, Okinawa and the 315th Air Division at Tachikawa AFB, Japan. During that time, Harry was awarded two Air Medals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. He was also awarded The Distinguished Flying Cross for flying a classified night combat mission against unfriendly forces under extremely hazardous conditions and with great determination and superior airmanship, he flew through areas of intense hostile antiaircraft fire while providing flare illumination and successfully controlling friendly fighters to lucrative target areas.

Though Harry separated from active service in 1970, his passion of aircraft and aircraft modification continued. He founded Air Cargo Enterprises in Honolulu, Hawaii, an inter-island cargo carrier which in 1978 and 1979 was the largest all commuter cargo airline in the United States. He later moved to Southern California where he formed Snow Aviation, Inc. and specialized in aircraft modification while focusing on the development of a DC-8 hush-kit. In 1988, Harry renamed the company Snow Aviation International, Inc. and moved the company to Columbus, Ohio, opening facilities at Rickenbacker Airport. The company began developing its own prototype transport aircraft, the SA-200 series. Later, the company turned to aircraft modification of numerous aircraft including the C-130 Hercules, C-141, Boeing 727, Cessna T-37, Douglas DC-10, and Embraer 120. Some of the notable modifications to older C-130 aircraft included a new "glass cockpit" with full modification of the avionics and the electrical system which led to the creation of the original AMP program. These modified aircraft have been used by NASA on special

missions. SAI also modified C-130 aircraft for covert special missions by other branches of the military. The company employed numerous local aircraft industry personnel from the former North American Rockwell facility in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Snow was also involved in founding Crestview Aerospace in Crestview, Florida.

After meeting in Laredo, Texas, Harry married his best friend and love of his life Loretta (Laurie) Durden on September 18th, 1965. They were happily married for 55 years, raising a family of four children in Hawaii, California, and Ohio. He adored his family and was extremely proud of each of their accomplishments. Harry was an avid reader and held a fascination of history, engineering, mechanics, and technology. Though aviation was his lifelong passion, he also loved watching sports such as football and hockey.

Preceded in death by his parents Harry T. Snow, Sr. and Dena Nason Snow, his sister Leah, son Keith, and grandson Ayden. Harry is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Laurie Snow of Tampa, Florida. Also survived by three children: Scott (Monica), Brett, and Candice (Rocky) as well as seven grandchildren: Matthew, Timmy, Mitchell, Cheyenne, Ashlynn, Sienna, and Lucas; and three great-grandchildren, Annee, Asher, and Jay; nephew Rod Snyder; and extended family Jennifer Prentice and Kelly Brown.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 27th, 2021, from 4:00PM to 6:00PM at SCHOEDINGER NORTHEAST FUNERAL HOME, 1051 E Johnston Road, Gahanna, OH. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00AM on Monday, June 28th, 2021, at Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Road, Gahanna, OH. Interment will follow at Kingwood Memorial Park, 8230 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH. For those that are unable to attend, the service on Monday will be live streamed at (link coming soon). In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association (<http://www.heart.org>) or the Wounded Warrior Project (<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>).

Events

JUN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service - Northeast
1051 E Johnstown Rd, Gahanna, OH, US, 43230

JUN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Peace Lutheran Church
455 Clark State Road, Gahanna, OH, US, 43230

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - June 28 at 08:36 AM



“ An external video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - June 25 at 01:48 PM



“ The entire Snow family was such a huge part of my life when we lived in Hawai'i. The kids, my brother Bob, and I were all friends and played together constantly. My favorite memory of Mr. Snow was him pulling into our driveway in his stunning first-gen Ford Mustang. As a young gear-head I fell hard for that car and begged for rides! The entire Johnson family shares our condolences for your loss.

Jim Johnson - July 09 at 02:25 PM



“ Harry Snow is a legend in aviation. It has been my distinct pleasure to have had Harry as a friend for several years. His entrepreneurship and foresight has been unique, and he will be remembered for his leadership and visionary ideas throughout the world's aviation industry May he rest in peace, and may his years of innovation be a beacon for years to come. Thanks, Harry, for the privilege of allowing me to be associated with you and your family.
Carl

CARL MCPHERSON - July 02 at 09:22 PM



“ I graduated from USAFA on June 6th 1962. Immediately after graduation, Harry rode with me to my home in Central Valley, NY. although we were in the same squadron in school, i got to know Harry real well in that 2200 mile trip. He went on to his home in New Hampshire. I never saw him again . i remember him as a smiling bright fellow, easy to get along with. Rest in peace old friend. Colonel(ret) Jim Eaton. Class of 1962

James D Eaton - June 29 at 01:04 PM



“ The World of Aviation is short on folks like Harry. His logical, practical and innovative ideas and solutions to complex problems made Harry stand out well above many of his industry competitors... especially worrisome to the larger established companies. A real gentleman, Harry helped me professionally and as a mentor during tough times. What I found most impressive about Harry is his immediate family, the love and support each of them provide collectively, true synergy. We will miss you Sir!

Duane and Cindy Powers

Duane and Cindy Powers - June 28 at 02:20 PM



“ I loved listening to Harry's stories and I am still not fully processing that he is gone. I will remember the very best of the man. He was a brilliant aeronautical engineer and the world has lost a great deal of knowledge. Our family prays for Harry and the family. With love from the Danielson family. Tim Danielson

Timothy Danielson - June 28 at 08:12 AM



“ I regret I am unable to attend the service for Harry and pay my respects. I meant to say our travels were to Chile and Brazil - not Argentina. Harry got along famously with the Commanding Generals of both the Chilean and Brazilian Air Forces. He was the basis and foundation for forming the Joint Venture company ENAER-SAI S.A..in Chile.

Jim Bennett - June 27 at 07:55 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Laurie, Scott, Brett, Candace and grandchildren for your loss. Harry was one of a kind. A real gentle person and it was a privilege and honor to know and have worked with him on the international programs we created using his profound expertise and knowledge of C130 and T37 aircraft upgrade and modernization projects in Central and South America. Especially, his commitment and our travels to Chile and Argentina. He will be missed by all those who participated in those ventures.

Jim Bennett

Former North American Aviation field engineer and former Department of State Foreign Service officer..

Jim Bennett - June 27 at 07:47 AM



“ Evelyn Guillochon lit a candle in memory of Harry T Snow Jr.



Evelyn Guillochon - June 25 at 07:15 PM



“ Our prayers are with the Snow family, Loretta, Scott, Brett, Candace and the grandchildren. Your loss of Harry, the patriarch and model in your lives, must leave a great emptiness that cannot be filled, but by faith. Have faith that he will still remain a guiding light for each of you going forward. You will always reflect on his example as you continue your own lives on earth. God bless you all.

Lou and Karen Matjasko

Louis Matjasko - June 25 at 06:36 PM



“ Denise Guillochon Maitino lit a candle in memory of Harry T Snow Jr.



Denise Guillochon Maitino - June 25 at 11:39 AM



“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Harry T Snow Jr.



Karen - June 24 at 08:51 PM



“ Harry will long live in my memory. He was a great airman, warrior, businessman and leader. But most of all, he was a very great personal friend of mine. All the time I have known him, he never took a step backwards. I even had the good fortune to work for Harry in private business. He management skills taught me a lot and I have profited dearly from that experience. May he now rest in a well deserved peace. Goodbye old friend, we will all miss you, but I'm sure we will never forget the great lessons you taught us... Peggy and I send our condolences to your family and stand ready to aid them any way we can.

Dick Browning
Brig Gen USAF Ret.

Richard Browning - June 24 at 01:47 PM



“ Brooke Battin lit a candle in memory of Harry T Snow Jr.



Brooke Battin - June 24 at 11:04 AM