

# *In Memory of Captain Jim Faber*

*May 15, 1950 — March 21, 2000*



Captain Jim Faber passed away suddenly on March 21, 2000. He was 49 years old. He was born in Waynesboro, VA. His father, Harold H. Faber, preceded him in death. His mother, Dorothy Faber Walker, and sister, Betty Wilcher, survive him. His father was a pilot and taught Jim to fly at a very early age, during a time when his father operated the Waynesboro Airport. Jim was a 1972 graduate of Virginia Tech and went on to work as a corporate pilot for the Maid Bess Corporation. He later worked for Piedmont Aviation in Winston-Salem, N.C., flying charters, conducting sales demonstrations, and instructing pilots. In 1981, Jim was hired by Piedmont Airlines as a First Officer on the YS-11. He later flew the B-737 as First Officer and Captain, and was a Check Airman and instructor on the F-28. Just this past year Jim found the aircraft that he loved to fly the most, the B-757.

Jim was a friend to many, very dedicated to his faith, family and profession. When you would talk to Jim he was always truly interested in what you had to say. He always cared and listened, making time to speak with friends and new acquaintances.

He found his completeness when he married Karen, his devoted wife of 15 years. They had four beautiful children: Joel, 14; Kimberly, 12; John, 7; and Kara, 5. They were his pride and joy and his greatest accomplishment.

His passion changed later in life from flying to serving his Lord and Savior. He was a faithful member of Calvary Memorial Church. He was a Deacon, actively serving on the Missions Board and serving a term as chairman. His zest for missions seemed to be his calling. He even entertained the thought of retiring early so that he could fly in the mission field.

“I have fought the good fight, I have kept the Faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” II Timothy 4:7.

Jim left us suddenly and unexpectedly, but his life was in order. His heart was not healthy for this world, but it was very healthy for Heaven. You may be here today, but with a whisper you may be gone tomorrow. Learn from Jim, and put your heart and life in order.

*Bruce Stritesky (CLT)  
B-757*

*Note: A memorial fund has been set up in Jim's name to benefit Mission Work. If you care to give a donation in Jim's name, please send your memorial donation to the Piedmont Aviation Credit Union at the Charlotte Douglas Airport.*