



In Memory of Captain George Oldham

October 14, 1941–October 7, 2000

George Oldham was born in Mineola, Long Island, NY, on October 14, 1941. He attended the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (playing football under Otto Graham), and graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1965. Immediately afterwards, he entered the Air Force. Following pilot training, he was awarded C-141 and completed a tour in Vietnam, where he flew the C-130 Hercules. While in Southeast Asia, he was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and numerous Air Medals. George joined PSA in 1969. During his career he flew the B-727, MD-80, and B-757. He was a check airman on the MD-80, B-757, and A330.

George's passing was sudden and extremely shocking. His determination to win overpowered his pain, leaving knowledge of his disease (cancer) unknown. From his first awareness until his last few months, George continued to enjoy life. He played golf, traveled, and remarried. Yet he still continued to work in the Training Department, and successfully completed the A330 check airman program.

Survivors include his wife, Krystal Gray Oldham (CLT F/A) of Tega Cay; two sons, Jeff and Duane; two daughters, Allison and Kelly; two stepchildren, Chase and Blake; and two grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Maude Oldham; his sister, Barbara Clark of New York; and the children's mother, Lorraine Oldham of San Diego, CA.

I would like to share two memories that always bring a little chuckle to me: the picture in my mind of him swinging his golf club, and gracefully landing on his backside; and the time when I asked George about the automation of the A330. His response was, "I am still waiting for the day when I can turn the autopilot on at the gate."

George, we will always cherish the many memories you have left, and your great generosity in life as a husband, father, friend, and aviator. George, you will be missed.

*Frank Olive (PHL)
B-757*

*Frank Pinheck (Continental)
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