



## Glenn Darnell

August 10, 1921 - December 10, 2009

Glenn Darnell Glenn Darnell passed away Monday, December 7, 2009. He was born August 10, 1921 in Little Rock, Arkansas to Clara Sprigg Darnell and Roscoe Wesley Darnell, the youngest to three brothers and a sister. Glenn felt blessed to be raised in a Christian home. While attending Arkansas Tech he began his flying career. He instructed in Dallas and Little Rock before enlisting in the Army Air Corp. During World War II he flew in the Ferry Command carrying troops and cargo in India and China. After the war he flew military air transport. His airline career began in 1946 with Chicago and Southern Airlines and continued with Delta Airlines until retiring August 10, 1981 at the age of 60 having 41 years of flying. Being the youngest of his brothers Gordon, Cecil, and Willis, they were the first generation of the Flying Darnells. Three of Glenn's sons, and his brother's sons are keeping the legacy alive. Glenn met and married the love of his life, Lola Oholendt. Their love grew stronger everyday for 63 years. They were blessed with four sons, nine grandchildren and two great – grandsons. He was so very proud of them all. For the love of his church, he was always faithful in his attendance and active serving in varies areas. He is remembered as a greeter for many years at University Heights Baptist Church. The Lord led him to minister to the homebound ill and was faithful serving with the Prison Ministry. He enjoyed sharing with the second graders at Sam Houston Elementary where he served as a Mentor. Recognized as Outstanding Volunteer in 1999. He has been a Master Mason for more than 50 years and a charter member of Covenant

Fellowship. In retirement he enjoyed fishing with his sons and grandchildren. His love for others and his Christian Family values will continue to be an inspiration to his family and many special friends. The family would like to thank Beth Dorsy and Melaine Douga with Texas Home Health and those with Compassionate Care Hospice for their personal assistance during Glenn's last days. Glenn is survived by his sons: Richard Glenn Darnell and wife, Kate, Don Ross Darnell and wife, Carol, Dale Gordon Darnell and wife Julie, Dave Ernest Darnell and wife Patsy; Grandchildren: Chad Darnell, Matthew Darnell, Michele Reed, Joel Darnell, Michael Darnell, Daniel Darnell, Andrew Darnell, Conner Darnell and wife, Courtney and Garrett Darnell. Two Great Sons: Austin Reed and Noah Darnell. Family Visitation Wednesday, December 9 from 5-7 pm and Services at 10:00 am Thursday, December 10 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. David Valentine officiating. Burial after services at Adickes Addition Oakwood Cemetery. Pallbearers: Grandsons Honorary Pallbearers: Wes Webb, John Webb, David Webb, Richard Levy, and Steve Reynolds. In lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to: Covenant Fellowship 1211 Financial Plaza PO Box 10769, Huntsville, Texas 77340 Those wishing to leave a memorial condolence for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Glenn Darnell*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Darnell Family,*

*I am sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. The Wilson family extends our best wishes to the entire Darnell family.*

*Best Regards,*

*Welcome Wilson, Jr.*

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**Welcome Wilson, Jr.** - August 12, 2014 at 06:52 PM



“ *Lola- I just found out about Glenn passing away. My heart goes out to you and your family. I will always remember meeting Glenn at career day at Huntsville High School. He was such a big encouragement in my life. He was always there with the right, most positive words to keep me going in my pursuit of a flying career. I will miss him. <http://www.thewindbeneathmywing.com>*

*Steve*

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**Steve Johnson** - January 02, 2010 at 07:16 PM

LS

“ Dear Mrs. Darnell,  
I am currently a Delta Flight Attendant. I was hired in 1968, flew out of MEM, IAH and DFW, now ATL. I remember Glenn well, and loved to see his smiling face. He was always very protective of "his girls" on the flight. Truly one of the good guys. I know he will be sorely missed in his community as well as by his family. My prayers are with you

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**Linda Sorenson** - December 13, 2009 at 02:25 PM

HH

“ Lola, We just heard the news about Glen, and want to express our sorrow. We grew to love you both and will miss Glen very much. Our memories of both of you in church and the privilege of sitting with Glen in Lodge will stay with Pam and me and remain special. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Henry and Pam Henderson** - December 11, 2009 at 09:33 PM

BM

“ I began flying with C&S in 1952 (stewardess) and retired in 1995 Delta. I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you Lola and all your family. I agree with all the kind words and adjectives written about Glen and in my opinion he was just one of a kind, a real sweetheart.

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**Barbara McGowan** - December 11, 2009 at 08:33 PM

PH

“ Mrs. Darnell, Don & Carol, All the Darnells,  
Don just called to tell me of his Dad's passing and we cried on the phone together for a few minutes. I know how hard this is on all of you but know you can take comfort in his superb life and the magnificent legacy he left behind. Although it has been many years since I saw him I remember sitting on the steps of Don's apartment in Valdosta while we were in UPT talking with his Dad who was excited about checking out in the L-1011. I remember Don telling me about his Dad's last flight with Delta and wearing the flight gloves Don had given him. A lot of great memories of a great man, devoted husband and loving Father. He was certainly a man of the greatest generation this country has ever known.  
My heart and my prayers are with you.  
Paul Hooper

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**Paul Hooper** - December 11, 2009 at 03:21 PM

BW

“ Lola: We are so sorry to hear of Glenn's passing. Our entire family think the world of you and Glenn. Please let us know if you ever need anything.

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**Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley** - December 11, 2009 at 01:15 PM

PC

“ To the Darnell family,  
Now a retired flight attendant, I flew with Glenn back in the 70's when we were a "Delta Family" . He was a wonderful captain - A kind and a gentle man and a role model as a human being.  
He will be missed by all who knew him.

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**Pidd Cortemeglia** - December 10, 2009 at 08:01 PM

DB

“ *Mr. Darnell made such an impact on my life because he lived the high morals and values he believed in. Our prayers are with you all.*  
*Don and Sharon Brindle*

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**Donald Brindle** - December 09, 2009 at 11:27 PM

BC

“ *Lola,*

*I am so sorry to read about Glenn passing. I know he is in a better place and is no longer in pain. He was such a sweet man. I enjoyed the time we got to spend with eachother. I am praying for you, and your family, as you deal with the sorrow of losing a loved one. I love you. If there is anything you need, just call.*

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**beverly crider** - December 09, 2009 at 07:33 PM

CD

“ *To the Darnells-*

*Mary and I are so very sorry to hear of your loss. It has been many years since I have seen Mr. Darnell but will never forget visiting their home in Huntsville as a child.*

*Our heart felt sympathies are certainly with all of you during this difficult and trying time.*

*Clayton and Mary Dean*

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**Clayton and Mary Dean** - December 09, 2009 at 06:07 PM

TP

“ Profound sadness with the passing of Capt. Darnell for all the Darnell family and his friends. So similar, yet so different, from my dad, but both of those aviators helped steer my course to commercial aviation. With all the travel privileges he and Mrs. Darnell had via DAL, early on, when visiting from college with Don and Dick, I wondered why getting home was so important to him...now after 30 years in aviation, I know why. Well, he's "home" now--Godspeed and tailwinds...

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**Tom and Pam Pappas** - December 09, 2009 at 05:53 PM

MH

“ Merrell and Billie are very saddened by the loss of a wonderful man and dear friend. Our hearts and prayers go out to Lola and the entire Darnell family. Glenn was a gracious, loving husband, father and friend and will forever be missed.

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**Merrell & Billie Hutto** - December 09, 2009 at 03:04 PM

DM

“ Our sincerest condolences to Lola and the Darnell family on the loss of Glenn, a true southern gentleman of the old school. Charles flew with Glenn during their mutual careers with Delta and a finer pilot and friend could not be found. The family aviation tradition will carry on his spirit but we will never be able to replace Glenn.

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**Diana and Charles Maples** - December 09, 2009 at 02:41 PM

BW

“ We are saddened by Glenn's passing. We recall fond memories of Glenn and Lola. We are reminded of Glenn and Lola when we drive by their house, across the street on Cheena Dr. We have always valued our time with Glenn and Lola. Memories forever, thanks for making our life better. Bill and Roma Wantuck, Houston TX...

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**Bill Wantuck** - December 09, 2009 at 02:25 PM

JR

“ I am a niece of Glenn's older brother Cecil, and want to offer my condolences at this terrible time. I just didn't get to meet Glenn often enough, but did enjoy those very brief events. He was always a warm and friendly person. Our prayers and best wishes go out to you. Sincerely,  
Jeannine Robinson  
Austin

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**Jeannine Robinson** - December 09, 2009 at 01:26 PM

JB

“ I was the college girl who was offered a room with Mrs. Oholendt while doing my practice teaching in North Little Rock in 1957. She then recommended us to Mrs. Darnell after I married Bob Banister who was doing his residency at Baptist Hospital and we lived with her for a year. I loved hearing her talk about her wonderful family and came to appreciate her greatly. I think of her often and would like to not only send my sympathy to you as her family, but say again how much I appreciated her wisdom and advice as a young bride. What a legacy this wonderful man has left. Sincerely, Janis Banister

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**Janis Banister** - December 09, 2009 at 11:23 AM

DS

“ To your entire family,  
Although we did not know Glenn well, we certainly know his heart and compassion for others, especially those less fortunate. His love and compassion have been passed on to his children, and we know personally through Dick and Kate how that will continue to live on through them. We know you mourn his loss, but know that his mind is now sharp and he is spending time with Jesus today

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**Don & Marcia Strieber** - December 09, 2009 at 10:23 AM

JN

“ I am a retired Delta flight attendant that flew with Glenn years ago in New Orleans. I will never forget what a kind and gentle spirit he had. He was a fine man and I know he will be missed very much.

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**Janice Godfrey Newell** - December 09, 2009 at 12:25 AM

CW

“ Mr. Darnell was always one of my favorites of all my parent's friends. I picture him with the same loving smile featured in the photo on this site. Good thing I didn't know until recently that he was the one who told my parents I was driving too fast in high school! Gotta love that man for watching out for me!

*I can't be at the service due to a business trip, but please know that my thoughts are with his family and many many friends.*

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**Carol Wyatt** - December 09, 2009 at 12:10 AM

DI

“ To Lola and other family members,

*As secretary of Delta Golden Wings, I express sympathy for all members of our fraternal organization that knew or flew with Glenn. He was a wonderful person and excellent pilot and I, personally, enjoyed flying with him as much as anybody. He was jovial, always pleasant and very professional. He will be missed by many dear friends.*

*Our thoughts and prayers will be with Lola and other family members as you adjust to the passing of this dear family member. May God provide guidance to each of you as you go forward with your respective lives.*

*Rollin A. Jackson, Jr.  
B-767 International Captain (Ret.)  
Secretary / Historian - DGW*

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**Delta Golden Wings, Inc.** - December 08, 2009 at 10:55 PM

MS

“ After WW II Glenn came home to Little Rock where he and I had attended high school together, became fast friends, and I adopted him as my brother inasmuch as I was an only child. He asked if I knew any single girls - and there was Lola, my friend. We have remained fast friends who loved each other through life and deaths. He was a wonderful husband and father to Lola and the four boys. I shall miss him so very much.

*"Millie" Shumard*

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**Millie Shumard** - December 08, 2009 at 10:11 PM

ML

“ Glenn Darnell was one of the first pilots I encountered when I was newly hired by Delta Air Lines and sent to the Dallas base. His kind demeanor and friendly attitude convinced me that I was with the right airline. He personified the Delta family to me. My heartfelt condolences to Lola and his entire family in the loss of a truly fine gentleman.

Max Livingston - December 08, 2009 at 10:05 PM

GG

“ Mr. Darnell was a fine gentleman whom we enjoyed knowing in our years in Huntsville. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Greg and Dani Gathright - December 08, 2009 at 09:09 PM

DD

“ Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your boys.

Debbie & Bill Dean - December 08, 2009 at 06:14 PM

CW

“ Dear Lola, Dick, Don, Dale, Dave and The Entire Darnell Family,  
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Glenn.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

The Wojie's  
Frank, Cindy and Chase

Cindy Wojie - December 08, 2009 at 05:29 PM

DH

“ Lola, I'm so very sorry about your loss of Glenn. I'll be praying for you and your family during this difficult time.

Donna Haney - December 08, 2009 at 10:28 AM