



## Richard Simmet

June 22, 1929 - February 21, 2009

Captain Richard F. Simmet of Corinthian Point, Willis, TX and Cinosam Pines Road, Brainerd, MN. Born June 22, 1929 in Minneapolis, MN, flew west February 17, 2009, departed from Conroe, TX at 10:30 AM. Preceded in death by mother, Adela, and father Clarence Simmet, first wife Corrine and son Mark Simmet. Captain Simmet is survived by his wife Linda Simmet of Willis, TX; sister Jeanne Beeman of Tulsa, OK; daughters Sharon and husband Cliff Holley of Rock Springs, Wyoming, Colleen and husband John Goodney of Highlands, TX, Valerie and husband Lawrence Burke of Chanhasson, MN, and Eileen Simmet of Minneapolis, MN. Also surviving are two step sons, Richard and wife Sherry Smith of Willis, TX, and James and wife Ann Smith of West Mifflin, PA. Grandchildren surviving are Cathy (Goodney) Collins, Melissa (Holley) Marroquin, Jackie (Burke) Grumish, Paul Burke, David Burke, Madelyne Burke, Jamie Smith, Brendan Smith, Shelby Smith, Heather Simmet and two great grandsons, Keaton and Logan Marroquin. Dick was a retired Northwest Airlines Captain. He retired after 42 years of service. Of those 42 years, 23 and a half were as a Captain, having flown in excess of 14,000 hours on the 727. He also flew Boeing 747, 707, 720, 320 and Lockheed Electras. His hobby for over 20 years was showing his Doberman Pinschers in the Obedience Dog Show Ring. He obtained Obedience Trial Champion titles on two of his prize Dobermans. In addition, he also owned and operated Eden Prairie Body Shop in Eden Prairie, MN from 1960 – 1990. After retiring to Texas in 1994, he spent his summers at his

cabin on Cinosam Pines Road in Brainerd, MN where he loved to fish on Gull Lake. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested making a donation to the American Diabetes Association or M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 20 from 10 – 10:30 AM with the Service in Captain Simmet's honor starting at 10:30 AM. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 10129 W. FM 1097, Willis, TX. There will also be a Military Burial held at a later date at Fort Snelling, National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN. You are invited to leave a written tribute to the family on our website at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Simmet*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I was never able to meet my uncle, which I wish I could have. My mother, Jeanne, informed me of his passing. God bless you and heal your lose.  
With my love,  
Gerard Beeman*

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**G. Beeman** - September 24, 2010 at 02:13 PM



“ *It's been a lot of years since Dick and I flew together. A very pleasant experience on all counts. I'm sorry for his passing.*

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**Wayne Segulia** - February 24, 2009 at 12:39 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. Captain Nice was a great guy to fly with. I flew F/O with him one time when he picked up a Doberman pup. We flew into Newark and then Dick had to drive to Pennsylvania to get his new student. The puppy sat in a cardboard box in the cockpit on the way back to MSP. God bless you all.*

*Larry*

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**Larry Potton** - February 21, 2009 at 10:57 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Dick's passing.  
*I enjoyed flying with him and know he will be missed by family and his many friends.*  
*Arnie Calvert*

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**Arnie Calvert** - February 21, 2009 at 05:36 PM

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“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Chris had many, many happy times with Dick training, showing, traveling as well as great discussions on flying, training, great Dobermans and their mischief. He enjoyed many movies at your home. This has left a great hole in Chris' world and also in Jean's.*

*He will be rememberd in our dog training, because Chris uses many tales of his experiences, training methods and showing as examples to students on how to accomplish the best they and their dogs do.*

*Jean came to know Dick through Chris' stories about him and their training, as well as the times we met and he worked with me and my Dobermans. He will always stand tall in my mind as Captain Doberman.*

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**Chris Duarte & Jean Haley** - February 20, 2009 at 03:50 PM

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“ *We are remembering the great times we had with Uncle Dick.. The Disney World trip, going fishing on Gull Lake, the kids cuddling on the couch with him. These memories will remain with us forever.*

*We will always love & remember him!*

*Jim, Ann, Jamie, Brendan & Shelby (aka "The Rugrats")*

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**Jim, Ann, Jamie, Brendan & Shelby** - February 19, 2009 at 08:36 PM