



## Ronald Kolb

March 5, 2013

Ron Kolb of Willis, TX, and long-time resident of New Waverly, TX, passed away on March 2, 2013 at the age of 76 following an extended illness. He is survived by his loving wife Becky, daughter Robin and her husband Chris, son Gary and his wife Donna, son Stewart and his wife Shari, and grandchildren Caris, Caitlyn, Chris, Stephen, Derick and Cahill. He was predeceased by his parents Harry and Naomi Kolb and sister Verna Erhmann of Huntingdon Valley, PA. Ron is a graduate from Penn State University with a BS degree in Civil Engineering. He served in the US Navy as Lieutenant Commander flying missions from aircraft carriers USS Intrepid, USS Randolph, USS Essex accumulating over 200 carrier landings and serving as the squadron Landing Signal Officer (LSO) until 1964. He continued his flight career for 30 years with Delta Airlines as Captain until his retirement in 1996. Ron and his wife Becky were heavily involved in the community throughout his working career and into his retirement years. Some of his notable contributions are his serving on the Walker County Fair Committees, various homeowner association boards, and his leadership with the formation of the New Waverly Public Library and the design and construction of their new facility. Most of all, Ron was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and friend, and cherished his family time. He always exhibited a positive can-do attitude when meeting challenges and exploring new ventures. Ron was ready and willing to help others and one we could always count on for support and guidance. Services will be held at the First Baptist Church New Waverly at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. In

lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Kolb*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Always enjoyed flying with Ron. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family as they transition to life here without Rob. Carlotta & Rick*

**Carlotta (nee Williams) Schmittgen** - March 13, 2013 at 11:19 PM



“ *I worked with Ron in HOU/IAH as a crew scheduler It was always a pleasure to be around Ron. He was always so upbeat & positive. Becky,I know this is a difficult time for you and your family but hang on to the memories as it will help you get through this. I'm very sorry for your loss and my thoughts are with you and all the Kolb family.*

**Wayne Kuehler** - March 09, 2013 at 11:51 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Kolb family. I'm so sorry for your loss. I am best friends with Shari & Stewart who are such an inspiration and blessing to me in my life. I hope you can find some comfort in your heart with all the sweet precious memories. May God bless.*

**Lisa Bush** - March 06, 2013 at 06:27 PM

PR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Kolb family. Ron was one of our best and it was a pleasure to know and be associated with him for our many years at Delta. Judy and Plato Rhyne

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**Plato Rhyne** - March 06, 2013 at 08:02 AM

JN

“ WE WERE SADDENED TO HEAR OF RONS PASSING BECKY ! OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES GO OUT FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOU AND YOURS. RON AND I SHARED MANY GOOD TIMES TOGETHER AT FUND RAISERS, COOKOFFS, AT THE RANCH, AND FIGHTING OUR SUFFERINGS TOGETHER. WE WILL CHERISH THE MEMORIES OF THE PAST AND KEEP YOU AND THE FAMILY IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. JAMES & YVONNE NOVARK SAN SABA, TEXAS

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**JAMES NOVARK** - March 05, 2013 at 09:22 PM

DH

“ What a pleasant and nice person. I am saddened at hearing of your loss. I carry very nice memories of Ron, his friendly smile, and his caring personality. May God provide peace to all of his family especially during these difficult times.

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**Don Henry** - March 05, 2013 at 07:16 PM

SS

“ My F/A wife Terry and me as a newly minted 727 plumber, flew with Ron in Houston. Fellow Naval Aviator and good guy to fly with. Our condolences.  
Steve and Terry Shapard

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**Steve Shapard** - March 05, 2013 at 04:11 PM

TF

“ I met Ron through Dr. Hal Conwell and knew he was a pilot. Later, during the construction of the library in New Waverly, he and my dad were in contact a lot. I always think of Ron when passing the library. It was a privilege to have met him. So sorry for your loss. I guess he is flying with the angels...

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**Trudy Fuchs** - March 05, 2013 at 01:31 PM

BM

“ I had the privilege of working with Ron in preparing grant proposals to Meadows Foundation and Houston Endowment to help complete the New Waverly Library. His determination to bring the library to fruition and his dedication to having the very best facility possible inspired me to volunteer my time to put together the grant requests even though I do not live in New Waverly. Ron Kolb was a truly extraordinary man, and I hold Becky and their family in my prayers.

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**Beth Miles** - March 05, 2013 at 01:11 PM

MS

“ Ron was always cheerful and pleasant guy to fly with. An inspiration. A loss for all.

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**Mike Sutton** - March 05, 2013 at 12:57 PM

PH

“ Farewell, Ron. It's too soon. Fondly remember many flights with you in the 880. Our prayers go with you.

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**Patty and Jim Hourin** - March 05, 2013 at 11:41 AM

SP

“ As good friends of Chris and Robin, we have been so saddened by the news of Ron's passing. He was a wonderful man, and we will continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Staci & Heath Poindexter** - March 05, 2013 at 10:47 AM

SA

“ Dear Robin and Becky, I am so sorry to hear about Ron. In recent years I have not seen you all much but I remember so much from when I babysat Robin and when Robin was in school in New Waverly. Ron was so talented and creative. I remember how hard he worked on building your beautiful home in New Waverly. He did such wonderful work for the New Waverly community. He will be missed. I will continue to keep the family in my thoughts and prayers. I hope it is of some comfort that he is no longer in pain. God Bless you.

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**Shelly Gerbasi Allen** - March 05, 2013 at 10:20 AM

AE

“ I am sorry to hear about the passing of "Capt. Kolb". I too am a former Navy pilot and LSO hired by Delta in 1986. I spent my first 2 months with the company flying out of Houston where most of my trips were with Ron. We talked about our previous careers and he was a great influence and help with my transition to "civilian" flying. Over the years I would think about him often and the impact he has had on my career with Delta. I currently am based in Atlanta, a line check airman, and fly the 767-400. He will be truly missed.

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**Alan Erisman** - March 05, 2013 at 08:47 AM

RF

“ We know of Ron through Stewart & Shari. We are so sorry for the loss of the Kolb family. Stewart is such a great Godly man, gifted, talented, and righteous man, we know it makes Ron, and all the Kolb family very proud. Prayers for all the family.

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**Rogers Family** - March 05, 2013 at 12:37 AM

MF

“ Becky and Family, my most sincere condolences go out to you. I was deeply saddened to hear of Ron's passing. It was always a pleasure to fly with Ron in my early years with Delta. What a considerate gentleman! I'll always remember the time he stopped on a hot July afternoon to change a tire for my wife who was stuck on Kennedy Blvd. with a car full of kids! He was a fighter, and used every trick he could find to fight this dreaded disease. He will be sorely missed.

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**Mike Ferris** - March 04, 2013 at 10:49 PM

BP

“ Ron will be missed. Good pilot, friend, and traveling companion.

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**Bill Pankey** - March 04, 2013 at 08:44 PM

LB

“ So very sorry Shari & Stewart .... What a wonderful obit honoring his life! Sounds like Stewart comes from good stock... and a God fearing family for sure. Hugs and prayers to Shari and Stewart and to all of Kolb family.....

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**Lisa Bush** - March 04, 2013 at 08:28 PM

LH

“ *Becky, I'm so sorry to hear about your husband. May God fill your heart with the love you'll always remember and fill your mind with the wonderful memories you made.*

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**LaWanda Rampino Hill** - March 04, 2013 at 08:18 PM

JM

“ *Our hearts go out to the Kolb family on their loss. We knew of Ron through our best friends, Stewart & Shari, and Dannell who have been a real blessing to my family and kids. Their prayers and faith have helped us through some very hard times, and I am sure their faith and prayers will help the Kolb family through this tragic loss. We pray for peace and comfort.*

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**JJ McDaniel** - March 04, 2013 at 08:18 PM

JM

“ *So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. My condolences to all of the Kolb family. He was always such a pleasant person to be around.*

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**John McCurdy** - March 04, 2013 at 08:13 PM

BN

“ *We are shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of Ron. He and I started with Delta on 10/03/1966. We spent our first few months based in Chicago together. Always a gentleman and a joy to be around. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Boyd Nickell** - March 04, 2013 at 08:05 PM

JM

“ Ron was a talented and exceptional man. We were blessed to have crossed paths with you both. Becky, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love  
Crow and Anita

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**Jack and Anita McEncroe** - March 04, 2013 at 07:32 PM

BM

“ Ron and I were in the class of 10/03/1966 together. He was a person everyone liked to chat with.

God be with you and all your family.  
Bob & Bernita Measles

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**Bob Measles** - March 04, 2013 at 07:18 PM

BM

“ Ron was always a joy to be near.  
I always thought he made Tyrone Power look good.  
May all your family be blessed forever.

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**Basil and Jan McCallister** - March 04, 2013 at 06:41 PM

DS

“ I never flew with Ron since we were so close in seniority but he was always pleasant and had a ready smile for everyone. He will be missed.

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**Don Steinway** - March 04, 2013 at 06:25 PM

KM

“ We are blessed to count Robin, Chris and their girls among our very closest friends, and have come to know Ron through them. He was a good man who raised his daughter the right way- to be a smart young woman who holds steadfastly to her beliefs and cherishes family above all else. Ron has left that most important legacy behind to be passed on to future generations. He was a good man, husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed. We pray for comfort and peace for the whole family in the days to come.

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**Kurt, Kazzye and Sienna Martens** - March 04, 2013 at 06:07 PM

WW

“ The many times I shared a cockpit with Ron are all pleasant memories. He will be missed by many from all walks of life. Deepest Condolences to his family.

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**Wendell Wilson** - March 04, 2013 at 06:00 PM

WW

“ A great guy and he will be missed. Enjoyed flying with Ron over the years. So sorry to hear about your loss.

*From: Wayne Ware*

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**Wayne Ware** - March 04, 2013 at 05:49 PM

CR

“ I knew Ron as a most pleasant and personable person and I admired him for being so positive.  
*Charles Royes*

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**Charles Royes** - March 04, 2013 at 05:47 PM

DG

“ Our prayers are with you,

*Ron flew many trips with me, he will be missed.*

*Don And Candy Goodhart*

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**Don Goodhart** - March 04, 2013 at 05:18 PM

GP

“ *Becky and family,*

*Words cannot express our sadness. May the comfort of God help you and your family through this difficult time.*

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**Gary & Gayle Pinholster** - March 04, 2013 at 04:30 PM

TE

“ *Ron was always cheerful and pleasant to fly with. I am honored to have called him a friend. Our sincere condolences to the family.*

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**Tim Eby** - March 04, 2013 at 03:20 PM

MF

“ *Ron was one of my best friends while I was flying out of Houston. We enjoyed some wonderful ski trips together He was a great person and I will always be proud to call him, My Friend. Becky, our prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Mike & Sue Floyd** - March 04, 2013 at 02:41 PM

SH

“ *Ron will be missed by many people . I have good memories of him as part of the Delta family.Sincere sympathy goes to all his family. Our prayers are with you for comfort and piece.*

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**Sue & Joe Hughes** - March 04, 2013 at 02:28 PM

DG

“ *The Houston Delta base was from my experience peopled by flightcrew members and stations folks who were our co-workers and friends. I emphasize "friends". Ron was the epitome of the good crew member and friend. I will miss him too but I will always have his memory.*

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**Dick & Jo Gardner** - March 04, 2013 at 02:28 PM

RW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Kolb family. May God be with your family in this sad time. Bob & Evelyn Wittig*

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**Robert Wittig** - March 04, 2013 at 02:10 PM

RW

“ *The Kolb Family,  
Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Ron & I shared the cockpit many times while during our Houston years. Always a joy to be associated with someone of his caliber. Doesn't seem that long ago when we had a good chat at the Delta BUM Group Luncheon that he attended in the DFW area.  
Godspeed my friend,*

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**Ralph & Barbara Wolken** - March 04, 2013 at 01:50 PM

JM

“ *I was a scheduler in Houston and worked with Ron for years. He was a real gentleman to work with we will keep you all in our prayers. Jim and Kathy Miller*

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**Jim Miller** - March 04, 2013 at 01:50 PM

CC

“ I always enjoyed flying with Ron. Delta Air Lines was lucky to have him as one of their captains.

Charlie Chauvin - March 04, 2013 at 01:42 PM

TF

“ Ron was a pleasure to fly with and be part of his cockpit crew. He was always above and beyond. Our condolences and prayers for the family.

Tal Fogg - March 04, 2013 at 01:31 PM

DW

“ Dear Gary and Stewart

Please accept my deepest heart felt feelings for the loss of your Dad.

You and Yours are in my thoughts and prayers;

Dan Wait - March 04, 2013 at 01:18 PM

JJ

“ Ron was always a pleasure to be around. We flew many trips together over the years and he was always the Professional.

Jim D. Johnson - March 04, 2013 at 12:37 PM

WD

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He was a great pilot and a joy to fly with.

Wes Detwiler - March 04, 2013 at 10:51 AM

BD

“ *Very sorry to hear about RON. He was a very good Person , Pilot , Friend ! I enjoyed talking to him about FAMILY,FLYING, FRIENDS, FISHING, and FARMING ! We will all miss him . Bob & Jewel Debardeleben.*

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**BOB & JEWEL DEBARDELABEN** - March 04, 2013 at 10:38 AM

JB

“ *AS ONE OF MY FLIGHT CREW, HE WAS VERY PROFESSIONAL AND LOVEABLE. I KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED.*

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**Jess Bootenhoff** - March 04, 2013 at 09:43 AM

EB

“ *We are so saddened to hear of Ron's passing. We both enjoyed flying with him and consulting with him while building our passive solar houses . Becky, you and Robin and sons will be in our prayers*

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**Earl & Jeanne BALLard** - March 04, 2013 at 09:31 AM

CM

“ *Ron's passing was a loss to the community, his family, and the many of us whom he counted as friends through the years. He was a good man, a good pilot and he lived a life that demonstrated his beliefs and values. We need more like him and he will be missed.*

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**Chuck and Dee Maples** - March 03, 2013 at 10:08 PM

DL

“ *Spent many wonderful hours in the cockpit of Delta aircraft with a special guy and great aviator. Fair winds and following seas to an old fighter pilot friend.*

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**Dave Lorenzo** - March 03, 2013 at 09:28 PM

BS

“ Good man. Good pilot. Good union man.

*Will be missed.*

*Bob Shelton*

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**Bob Shelton** - March 03, 2013 at 08:35 PM

DE

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Ron enjoyed being involved and contributed so much to our community. He will be missed.

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**Dana Eckles** - March 03, 2013 at 06:45 PM

JW

“ We share your sorrow. His was a good life. Smooth skies for his last flight west.

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**Jerry and Harriet Williams** - March 03, 2013 at 06:44 PM

MK

“ To the Kolb family, Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this sad time. We knew Ron through the Walker County Sheriff's office. I helped him sale cookbooks when building the New Waverly Library. He was a joy to everyone around him. GOD BLESS!!!

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**Milton @ Peggy Kroesche** - March 03, 2013 at 02:08 PM