



## Randall "Randy" Vern Wolfe

March 9, 1948 - July 18, 2014

Randall Vern Wolfe, age 66, of Holland (formerly of Hamilton and Memphis, TN), passed away Friday, July 18, 2014 following a four year journey with lung cancer. Randy was born in Holland, Michigan on March 9, 1948 to Russ and Ruth Wolfe. Randy attended Haven Reformed Church in Hamilton and was a member of the Germantown United Methodist Church in Memphis, TN. He proudly served in the US Army in Vietnam from 1969-1970 as a Chief Warrant Officer flying Chinook helicopters. He also served in South Korea from 1972-1973. Randy's flying career continued when he was hired as a pilot for FedEx, flying their Falcon Fan Jets in his first years and progressing to the 727, MD-10 and ending his 32 year career at FedEx flying their MD-11's worldwide. His retirement party in November, 2007 will never be forgotten by all his family members who made the trip to Memphis to witness his last midnight arrival from Cambridge, England to the Memphis FedEx terminal. He taxied in under the salute of Fire Engine water arcs customarily done to recognize a pilot's last flight. Randy and Kathy's daughter, Amy, was born to them in 1986 while they were living in Memphis; and they made certain Amy knew her extended family in Michigan. Many trips were made over the years "up north" for summertime fun on Ottawa Beach, Tulip Time and Christmas holidays. Randy will be missed by his family, neighbors, many dear friends and fellow FedEx pilots, as well as his ever faithful coffee buddies. Randy was preceded in death by his father, Russ Wolfe, in 1962; step-father, Leon Rigterink, in 1992; father-in-law, Norm Prins, in 2006; and his mother-in-law, Thelma Prins, in

2009. Randy is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kathy; daughter, Amy Wolfe of Holland; mother, Ruth Wolfe Rigterink of Hamilton; sisters, Rhonda and Cal Oldebekking of Hamilton, Rocky and Steve Wilkins of Hamilton; in-laws, Dan and Barbara Prins of Texas, Karen Prins of Holland, Doug and Marlin Prins of Alaska, Darcy Prins of Georgia, Ross and Leesa Lamb of Saugatuck; and many nieces and nephews and their families. Funeral services will be 11:00am Friday, July 25 at Haven Reformed Church, 4691 Oak St., Hamilton with Rev. D. Marc de Waard officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Hamilton, MI. Visiting hours are scheduled for 1-3pm and 6-8pm on Thursday, July 24 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E 16th St., Holland, MI. Memorial contributions are encouraged to Hospice of Holland.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Randall "Randy" Vern Wolfe*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I can not believe a year has past. I still miss this guy!"*

lon - July 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Kathy, sorry to read in the VHPA magazine that Randy has flown West. Prayer for you and family. Ralph Leon, Republic Airlines, Germantown, Tn."*

Ralph Leon - October 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Words can't express my feelings for your family at the time if loss. Randy was a great guy and a very good friend. I have spent many a night in long flights with, Randy. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy."*

Gene Torrey - July 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *"It was a pleasure to get to know Randy and the family all this time I had with you guys! I am thankful that Randy and the whole family can reast easier knowing there is no more pain!! Thank you for making me feel like one of your own and I will miss you guys! Payers to you all for comfort and the wisdom of what to do with the hole Randy leaves! Best wishes!"*

Kim - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NP

“Kathy, so very saddened about the news of Randy.. Almost 2 yrs ago I remember meeting you, Randy and Amy at the restaurant with Marcia. So many GREAT memories of high school etc, I think of frequently, the list would be endless!!!! We shared so many awesome times together.. You are in our thoughts and prayers! God bless you and Amy and family..”

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**Norm and Marcia Poll** - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KE

“Kathy & Amy... So sorry to hear about Randy's passing. We had many great hours in the air and golfing together. A truly remarkable man with a remarkable smile. Our sincere condolences.”

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**Kevin** - July 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“Kathy, Amy, and family- We are saddened by Randy's passing, but we also rejoice because we KNOW he is with our Lord in heaven! You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless, Duane and Trish Joostberns”

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**Duane Joostberns** - July 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“Kathy and Amy, my deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you for your loss of such a special person in your life. I am also saddened for my loss of such a special friend. As I count back the years, Randy and I have know each other going on 39 years, beginning from the time he was hired as a pilot at FedEx. I have thoroughly enjoyed being in his presence as a fellow pilot, a teammate on the soccer field, and a basketball fan at the Memphis Tigers and Memphis Grizzlies games. I have fond memories of the good times we all have had at these sporting events and at all of the other gatherings we have shared time together over the years. All who have know and associated with Randy are a better person for that experience. He was so easy to be around and his good nature engaged everyone. And Kathy, Amy, and all of Randy's family members and friends, I pray in time we all will find peace with our loss. And Randy, may the Peace of the Lord be with you my friend. A fellow pilot, a fellow sports enthusiast, and most of all a friend of Randy, Kathy, and Amy,”

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**Jerry Wolfe** - July 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“Kathy and Amy, Donna and I were so sorry to hear about Randy. He will be missed so much. I know you take comfort to know he is not suffering anymore and is face to face with The Lord. He was one of the fineness men I know. Praying for you and Amy.”

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**Charlie Dickinson** - July 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“Kathy and Amy,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know the many memories you have of Randy will comfort you in the days ahead. He was such a fine gentleman in every sense of the word. Beth Herring”

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**Beth Herring** - July 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *One could only hope to have half as much dignity, strength and true kindness as Randy had. He will be sorely missed by loved ones and friends. We have many fond memories those many years ago when we were all at Fed Ex together. Peace and Love to you and Amy in this time of sadness. Roland and Julie Daniels*”

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**Roland Daniels** - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Kathy and Amy,  
My thoughts go out to you during this difficult time. I know the past few months have been very difficult for you, but I hope you find peace and comfort in knowing that Randy no longer suffers. He was very well thought of by all who knew him (Leiland really liked him a lot and respected him as a pilot.) Know that all who know you share in your sorrow and loss. If you get back down this way, Give me a call. Betty Duke, Friend and fellow GUMC Member, Germantown, TN*”

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**Betty Duke** - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM