



## Captain Joseph A. Coulp

December 28, 1957 - November 16, 2023

Dover - Joseph A. Coulp, 65, of Dover, formerly of North Hampton, passed away on November 16, 2023.

He was born on December 28, 1957 in Beverly, MA; the son of the late Albert and Phyllis (Moynihan) Coulp. Raised in Hampton, he graduated from Winnacunnet High School with the class of 1976. Joe later went on to Plymouth State University graduating with a degree in Aviation.

Joe was always interested in flying and spent a lot of time while in his teen years at Hampton Airfield. His first flight was in a 1941 Piper Cub from that very airport. He got his pilot's license when he turned 16 years old. He began his career by flying banner signs back and forth over Hampton Beach. He also flew scenic tours around the seacoast area. Joe could do anything he put his mind to. He built his first plane on his mother's screened in porch, it was a Smith Mini Plane.

Joe's first job flying was with Precision Airlines. He also worked for Brockway Airlines (originally Air North) in 1982. It was a regional airline flying to major cities in New England.

After graduating from Plymouth State, Joe was hired by American Airlines in 1985, as a flight

Engineer flying the Boeing 727. In 1986 he upgraded to First Officer on the 727. In 1989 he

upgraded to First Officer on the wide body Airbus A-300, mostly flying international flights to

South America and the Caribbean Islands. In 1995 Joe became a Captain operating the MD 80/80

for numerous years, before transitioning to Captain on the Boeing 767 and Boeing 757 aircraft.

After 9/11, in addition to Joe's flying responsibilities, he fought for and became a Federal Air

Marshal. He said it was the most difficult thing he ever did, both physically and mentally.

Joe had many other passions besides flying. He loved skiing, scuba diving, lobstering and tuna

fishing. He and Marga spent many days and nights out at the Isle of Shoals or Nantucket on their

boat, the Rhumb Squall and looked forward to Ram Jam with a group of good friends. Joe was

also a fantastic cook, especially when he prepared freshly caught fish.

Surviving family members include his siblings, Candice Grimbilas and her husband George of

Durham; Linda Coulp-Yu and her husband Dennis Yu of Hampton; John Coulp

and his wife Susan  
of Hampton; Robert (Rocky) Coulp of Portsmouth, several nieces and  
nephews and Joe's ex-wife  
but still dear friend, Marga Coulp as well as his step grandchildren, Hunter,  
Jordan and Dylan, who called him Papa Joe.

In addition to his parents, Joe was predeceased by his older brother Michael  
"Mac" Coulp.

The family would like to thank Bellamy Fields and Cornerstone Hospice for  
their compassionate  
support, care and guidance.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 on Monday, November  
27th; at Our Lady of  
the Miraculous Medal Church in Hampton, 289 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH.  
Burial will  
follow in the High Street Cemetery in Hampton. Arrangements are by the  
Remick & Gendron  
Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations  
may be made in Joe  
Coulp's name to the APA Emergency Relief & Scholarship Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## High Street Cemetery

150 High Street  
Hampton, NH

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

NOV 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church  
289 Lafayette Rd  
Hampton, NH 03842

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ *My love and fond thoughts to Joes family and friends. We grew up together in No. Hampton and he was always the quiet and kind guy. Approachable and sweet, Joe was easy to be around...academically, in sports, community activities and as a peer. Blessed be, Joe.*



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**Laurie Tourtellot** - November 28, 2023 at 11:30 AM

MO

“ *Maureen & Rick O’Kane lit a candle in memory of Captain Joseph A. Coulp*



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**Maureen & Rick O’Kane** - November 27, 2023 at 09:56 PM

GG

“ I am Joe’s brother-in-law. I am married to his sister Candy. I always called him Joseph.....Ever since he was a little kid he did not want to be called by that name. He would always say to everyone, “I just want to be called plain old Joe”. He never corrected me or gave me the evil eye. I think I was his favorite brother-in-law. I met Joseph when he was an 8 year old “towhead”. I was dating Candy and he always seemed to be lurking in the shadows, spying on us , waiting to play a trick or something. I really believe he was looking out for his big sister.

I envied Joe. He always knew he was going to be a pilot. He started learning to fly at such a young age. When he turned 16 and got his pilot license he took me up for a ride over the beach and my house in Hampton. I had never been in a small plane. Everything was going great until I glanced over at him and saw that 8 year old blond little boy flying me high in the sky. A little panic set in, but after a smooth landing I knew he was going to be a great pilot.

Joseph could do anything he put his mind to.....and do it so well! He taught himself to be an awesome cook in his gourmet kitchen.He could build or repair anything. Even built his own airplane. He bought two run down homes and remodeled them to be properties you see in those magazines.

He could navigate the “Rhumb Squall” to Nantucket through a terrible storm.

Joseph was kind and generous. He would do anything for you....if you asked.

I will forever remember all the “good times” we shared.

He is now at peace with Mikey, his father Cal, his brother Mac, and his best friend Kemosabe.

Joseph RIP.....and say hello to my Mom and Dad.

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George Grimbilas - November 27, 2023 at 06:16 PM

BS

“ I've known Joe since 3rd grade at north hampton elementary,had alot of great times.Baseball,skiing,scuba diving,fishing,ice fishing,having great times when Joe & marga were still together. You will be missed . Best wishes to the family. Your old buddy Bernie Small.

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**Bernie Small** - November 27, 2023 at 10:20 AM

BV

“ Sincere condolences to Joe's family. I'm grateful for the memories of the good old days that began in Vermont in the eighties. Joe was a great friend who would always be ready to lend a helping hand. Rest easy, Joe.

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**Beth Vallier** - November 27, 2023 at 10:14 AM

GH

“ Joe was a wonderful brother-in-law everybody loved him. He will be missed dearly love you, Joe.

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**Gail Hartranft** - November 27, 2023 at 09:12 AM

BP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joe's death. We grew up together and graduated from WHS in 1976. He was a good soul and liked by all. My sincere condolences

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**Barbara Preston** - November 26, 2023 at 06:59 PM

PK

“ Captain Coulp we will miss you. Over the years we enjoyed many good times with you, Marga and many of your friends and family. Too many good times to mention here. Captain you had a heart of gold and YOU will be missed by the Karas family. Have a safe flight until we meet again.

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patricia ann karas - November 26, 2023 at 10:53 AM

GK

“ Some of my fondest memories are of hanging out at the Hampton Airfield and learning to fly in Piper Cubs. It was there in about 1974 that I first met Joe and the rest of the Coulp clan. I still remember Joes first cross-country flight like it was yesterday. I was always in awe of him and his flying skills at such a young age. Few people know what they want to do in life at say 16 years of age; not Joe - he knew exactly what he was going to do and he wasted no time in learning his chosen skill and excelling at it. What a mentor and inspirational person! My condolences to Joes friends and family, gone much too soon.

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Geordie King - November 25, 2023 at 05:02 PM

TR

“ So sorry to hear of Joes passing. We were roommates at Plymouth State in the 70's! We shared a lot of laughs and “fun times” together! Until we meet again “Stoney!” God Bless Captain Coulp!!



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Tom Raiche - November 25, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Captain Joseph A. Coulp.*



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November 25, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *So many good memories of Joe. From working on his house to time on the boat. Scuba diving at the Sholes.... and a list too long for here. You are missed.*

*Brian Orluk*

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**Brian Orluk** - November 24, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss of Joes passing. I knew him in high school just a little. Got to know him when he shared his time with my mother from 2015 and on. He loved American Airlines and flying big planes. He had so many accomplishments and it showed in his personality. He was a very kind and gentle man. He will be sadly missed by my mother Emmy Hanson, the Hanson and Sewall children. Prayers go out to his family. Sincerely, Jeanne Sewall Richards and family.*

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**Jeanne Richards** - November 24, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Joe was....no, is a good soul. :(*

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**Patty O'Connor** - November 23, 2023 at 08:52 PM

MD

“ I flew with Joe many times as his First Officer. He was a terrific guy both in and out of the cockpit. I am sad to hear of his passing. May God bless his family.

Max Drake - November 22, 2023 at 07:23 PM

MF

“ My sincere condolences to the Coulp Family. Joe was a very nice person to fly with, and he was an excellent Captain - always taking care of his crew. May you find solace in your memories and Joe being at peace. God Bless you all.

michelle brawley ferragamo - November 22, 2023 at 03:24 PM

KT

I had the pleasure of knowing Joe for the past 13 years, as he was my aunts partner .we did many store runs together. He had so many stories from when he was flying I felt like I was his co captain.We will miss him .Fly high Joe ! condolences to the coulp family.

Kathleen Thurlow - November 25, 2023 at 09:37 AM

LH

“ I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Joe. He always had a smile when I would run into him. Thinking of you all

Lisa Hurrell - November 22, 2023 at 12:35 PM