



Donald H. Osborne Jr.

March 11, 1943 - September 8, 2013

Rye - Donald H. Osborne, Jr., 70, of Rye, died Sunday, September 8, 2013 at his home surrounded by loving family.

He was born in Glen Ridge, NJ, March 11, 1943, the son of the late Donald Harrison and Doris (Hawkey) Osborne.

Don was raised in Verona, NJ and was a 1961 graduate of Verona High School. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. After college, Don entered the U.S. Navy, earned his Naval Aviator Wings, and flew the P-3C Orion aircraft. He left the Navy and flew for Delta Airlines for the next 28 years. He and his college sweetheart and wife of over 46 years, Sandra (Sirms) Osborne, moved to Rye from New Castle in 1975. In Rye, Don was an active member of the Rye Lions Club, a volunteer for the Rye Senior Serve organization and was a board member of the Beach Club. He also served on the board of The Housing Partnership in Portsmouth and was a past president of the North Country Region of the Porsche Club of America. Don was an accomplished woodworker and photographer; many of his beautiful photographs were displayed and sold at local galleries.

Always generous, loyal and giving, Don volunteered his time willingly to help those in need. He had a great sense of humor, connected easily with people and made many friends. He loved his family and spending time with them was

the most important part of his life. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his wife Sandra of Rye, Don is survived by his sons, Jeffrey Osborne and his partner Kenneth Mayers of Boston, MA and Kevin Osborne and his wife Jennica of North Berwick, ME; his sister Sharon Lee Osborne of Union, ME; his granddaughters, Katherine and Elizabeth Osborne, and his golden retriever Elke.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, September 13, 2013, from 2-4 pm and again from 6-8 pm in the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. U.S. Navy honors will be held promptly at 4 pm. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. A private family memorial will take place on Cape Cod in Truro at a later date. In lieu of flowers or donations, Don's wishes were "Strive to treat everyone you know with love and respect and hopefully the world will be a better place."

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Military Honors

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald H. Osborne Jr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *A great friendship developed over the past 33+ years with Don and Sandy. Don was not only a great friend but also my colleague and mentor. I flew with Don on one of my first trips at Delta. When we discovered that we lived very near to one another in Rye, he immediately invited Sharon, Jennie, and I over to his home to meet Sandy, Jeff, and Kevin. As newcomers to New England and Delta he made sure we felt welcomed. Over the years we discovered that Don was a true friend, always there with a helping hand for us and anybody who needed a little assistance*

Although Don and I didn't fly together much after that initial time we did share a lot of the same interests: aviation, Porsches, woodworking...just to mention a few. We both loved humor and were always eager to share a new joke with one another. We've had many conversations over a cup of coffee. We've enjoyed many trips to Bill Grady's fly-ins as well as occasional dinners and gatherings with our wives and close friends. My list of great memories goes on and on.

Don was a great friend, husband, and father. He has left us with a very large void. We miss him immensely

Chris Rieder

Chris Rieder - September 24, 2013 at 01:02 PM



I believe I purchased Don's Vietnam Navy uniform on eBay. I looked into the veteran databases to confirm this. The fatigue shirt is dated 1968, branch is US Navy, named Osborne, ranked as Lieutenant. As a collector of Vietnam militaria it is sad to hear of his passing and I am grateful for his service in the Navy.

Chad Thompson - March 20, 2020 at 08:43 PM

JO

Chad email me at [josvrne@hpluso.com](mailto:jsovrne@hpluso.com) - thank you!

Jeffrey Osborne - July 24, 2020 at 01:22 PM

CR

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Chris Rieder - September 24, 2013 at 12:15 PM

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Chris Rieder - September 24, 2013 at 12:11 PM

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Chris Rieder - September 24, 2013 at 12:03 PM

DC

“ *Dear Sandra and family,
A few years ago I met Don when we sailed together off the coast of Maine for a week. In that short time, I came to know him as a gentleman and a fine shipmate. I am truly saddened by his passing and know that, despite our loss, he is in a better place. Our lives are better for having known him. My sincere condolences.*

*Dan Christensen
Captain, USN (Ret)*

Daniel Christensen - September 23, 2013 at 11:26 AM

CR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chris Rieder - September 21, 2013 at 03:25 PM

BV

“ To Sandy & Don's family and many friends -- Though we share a certain history together in Rye, NH, my friendship with Don goes back much further -- to our U.S. Navy flight training together in Pensacola, Florida in 1966-7. Even then, Don was easily distinguished from the average, testosterone-stuffed, alpha male Student Naval Aviator. Always a consummate professional in the air, on the ground he was easygoing and affable, unusually caring of others and notably fun-loving -- the best of friends. My favorite memories of Don were our weekends together at Navarre Beach where, knowing Vietnam service lay ahead for most of us, we swam, cooked hotdogs, tossed footballs and sang folk songs together on the white sand. Don was always the unassuming leader of these gentle social events, and the primary reason we could forget, at least momentarily, what lay ahead. Don will be much missed by all who knew him, his family foremost. It must be the most welcome of epitaphs that, across almost a half century of friendship, I never heard an unkind word about this most gentlemanly of gentleman. I join many of his fellow airman in looking to the day when, "having slipped the surly bonds of earth" and mortality as well, I see him once again -- and join up, Navy-tight, on his wing.

Bruce Valley USN, Ret

Bruce Valley - September 20, 2013 at 10:15 AM

GC

“ Dear Sandy,
Of course you know how we met you and Don...Your purchase of your home from us on Washington Rd. I know you both made it a special home, sharing wonderful times and raising your boys there.

I am so sorry to hear that Don's journey on this earth has ended. I know he lives on in your hearts. I am thinking of you, sending love and light to all.

Glenda Coffin

Glenda Coffin - September 19, 2013 at 01:52 PM

JO

Thank you so much Glenda. Jeff O.

Jeffrey Osborne - September 05, 2014 at 08:50 AM

DC

“ I met Don many years ago thru NCR/PCA. Have great memories of all the shows and drives that we shared. I hadn't seen him for a number of years until last summer at Stratham Porsche car show. As always he was as friendly, and caring as always. I had no idea of what he was going thru. He was a wonderful man and I am proud to have known him. Sandy- Best wishes and my sympathy.

Dick Currier

Dick Currier - September 17, 2013 at 10:23 PM

JC

“ I just finished reading all the wonderful tributes to Don, which were far more eloquent and beyond my ability with the written word in their descriptions of such a terrific person. I am proud to have called him a friend and wonderful neighbor for over 30 years. You will be missed but not forgotten.

Jack & Michelle Canty

Jack Canty - September 17, 2013 at 12:28 PM

CH

“ My wife and I are probably among the many who didn't know Don was ill. We both had the privilege of flying with him over the years. I will always remember Don for his bright smile, firm handshake, and genuine interest in our lives. He never complained or looked back. Like so many of our fellow aviators who have gone West, we can still find their smiling faces in the skies above. God Speed, Don Osborne.

Carl Higginson NEA/ DAL

Carl & Mickey Higginson - September 17, 2013 at 08:29 AM

KP

“ Don Osborne was a wonderful man and we are honored to have known him for so many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Sandy, Sharon, Jeff & Ken , Kevin & Jennica, Katherine and Elizabeth. He truly lived his motto... "Strive to treat everyone you know with love and respect and hopefully the world will be a better place." We will truly miss you. God Bless.

Kelly & Brian Parrott - September 16, 2013 at 04:04 PM

TM

“ Don was one pilot who made the dismal corridors of the Boston Base bright. Always a friendly greeting and never a complaint. God Bless.

Tom McKinstry NE/DL '68 - '96

Thomas McKinstry - September 16, 2013 at 12:40 AM

AB

“ Dear Jeffrey: we're so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts. Lots of love: Adrian, Chris, and Jack. xx

Adrian Budhu - September 14, 2013 at 10:13 AM

JO

Thank you guys!

Jeffrey Osborne - September 05, 2014 at 08:51 AM

RB

“ Sandy, My condolences to you and your family. I have not seen you since we were neighbors in Corpus Christi. Don and I ran into each other time to time during our 3 decades at Delta. Usually passing each other in the pilots lounge or changing planes. Always a smile and an upbeat guy. I'll never forget Don with the pistol on his hip during the hurricane that came thru Corpus. We came close to needing a boat but escaped.

Really wish I could have made it north for the service. My best thoughts for you.

Beat Regards, RC (Rick) Bauer. Delta July73-Sept 2003.

Rick Bauer - September 14, 2013 at 12:32 AM

KE

“ Today I was able to hear some amazing stories from some great people that came out to pay their respects to Don... It was great to see so many people that he has touched and learn a little more about a man that I have grown to love... he was a great father to all of us, an amazing husband to Sandy and an amazing friend to so many... Don you set a high bar for the rest of us to live up to.... I hope you are looking down upon us all with a proud smile. I will miss you and your words of wisdom, advice and encouragement...

Always- Ken

Ken - September 13, 2013 at 10:54 PM

MH

“ Sandy, we are so sorry for your loss and ours. We will greatly miss Don and his visits to Hampton airfield.

*Our Love & Prayers
Mike & Cheryl Hart*

Mike & Cheryl Hart - September 13, 2013 at 07:57 PM

JD

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Sandy and family. It was a privilege to have been a classmate with Don in the Delta Pilot class of C-73.
Jim and Cheri Doyle

Jim Doyle - September 13, 2013 at 06:07 PM

WW

“ Don was #1 GI ! Wilt Wiltshire DAL '73-'03

Wilt Wiltshire - September 13, 2013 at 01:26 PM

KS

“ So sorry to read about Don's passing. I started as a F/A the same time Don was hired. He was always so friendly and remembered everyone names. A very nice man, a gentleman!.
God Bless.
I recently lost my husband to cancer in June..... so I am feeling your pain.
Kathy Sharry
F/A BOS retired 1973-2005

kathy sharry - September 13, 2013 at 12:50 PM

BL

“ There are a few "Great Guys"- Don was one of them! Had no idea he was ailing and so sorry to hear of his death. His retirement was certainly a "short change"! My best to the entire family. Bill Larson-1993

Bill Larson - September 13, 2013 at 08:59 AM

SG

“ Dear Jeffrey, Ken and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Such and amazing man has left and incredible legacy. Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with you.
Sincerest condolences. Love, Susan and Gregg

susan and gregg - September 13, 2013 at 08:57 AM

JO

Xxoo

Jeffrey Osborne - September 05, 2014 at 08:52 AM

BK

“ *In the early 1970's we were the lucky ones. Don and Sandy and their two young boys moved to New Castle and became our neighbors. They extended their warm friendship immediately, which continues today. We are so very grateful for the memories of our kind and gentle friend, Don - keeping us laughing at dinner parties, cheering us up while recovering from illness, stopping by in one of his super shiny, spotlessly clean cars - just to say "Hi", sharing his remarkable photographs after trips to Provence and Scotland, tirelessly supporting the Lions' Club, enjoying day trips with his buddies to museums and classic diners, appreciating the beauty of the environment and the seacoast, and loving and respecting his devoted wife, Sandy, and his sons and their families. Thank you, Don, for being our friend.*
Brooks and Mary Kennedy

brooks and mary kennedy - September 13, 2013 at 08:00 AM

KE

“ *I will miss Don. He was a kind and caring friend whenever I saw him around town or at the Rye Lion's meetings or events. He welcomed me into the Rye Lion's club with kindness and cheer. I will miss his genuine caring nature and friendship. May we all be inspired by his manner of friendship. My prayers and thoughts of comfort to his family now and always.*
Kelsi Deters

kelsi - September 12, 2013 at 09:23 PM

MT

“ Don will be missed dearly. He was a great Lion and friend. Don was one of the nicest and most generous person I ever met. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sandy and the Osborne family.

Sincerely,

Mike and Trisha Tecce

michael tecce - September 12, 2013 at 04:36 PM

PS

“ Don will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was a special person - smart, funny, loving and a superb photographer. We traveled to Norway and more recently to Alaska with Don and Sandy, and he became a wonderful friend. Sandy has been a loving caregiver for Don these past 3 years, and our hearts go out to her, and to all the family. We wish we could hug them all now, but we know they many friends nearby.

With love,

Priscilla & Eric

Newtown Square, PA

Priscilla Sharpless - September 12, 2013 at 03:44 PM

CS

“ Being recently married to Bill Stedfield, I met his dear freind only several years ago. He and his beautiful wife Sandy came to Bill's retirement party and talked airplanes in a language I wasn't aware of yet. But with that twinkle in his eye he said "I guess we better pay more attention to these two beautiful gals sitting here".....he won me over immediately. I think people who can take photographs the way Don did have that certain something that can capture beauty in a single cloud, a barn or the waves breaking on the shore. I am sad that Don won't be looking through his beloved lens anymore making those beautiful pictures. I do know for certain he is looking down on all who loved him and wishing we knew all the beauty he can now see. Sandy, comfort and peace to you.....that man of yours.....I was honored to have met him. Much love, Cynthia

Cynthia Stedfield - September 12, 2013 at 02:29 PM



“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Donald H. Osborne Jr..



September 12, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas* was purchased for the family of Donald H. Osborne Jr..



September 12, 2013 at 12:04 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Donald H. Osborne Jr..*



September 12, 2013 at 10:38 AM



“ *How do you ever top the beautiful tributes here? Donald Osborne is my hero. He and Sandy fought a valiant battle along with the support of their Family. As Sandy's cousin I'm so proud to have known him and enjoyed his hospitality, his humor and his compassion. I know he'll be watching over his loving Family. He will be greatly missed by all of those who knew him! My love goes out to my dear sweet Sandy, Jeffrey and Ken and Kevin, Jennica and the girls. Love from Philadelphia.*

Susan Ryan - September 12, 2013 at 09:57 AM

EG

“ I first met Don in the summer of 1977. He was one of the first pilots to welcome me to BOS. He was always friendly and helpful to the NEW GUY, ready with a funny story. Quick to help with the intricacies of bidding move-ups. I had not seen him in several years since he took some aircraft photos for us, and had no idea of what he was going through. That is typical of the man I knew. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sandy and his family. He was truly a renaissance man and will be missed greatly by all who knew him.

Our sincerest condolences,

*Ed and Rita Gorman
Delta 1977-2004*

Ed And Rita Gorman - September 12, 2013 at 09:22 AM

SL

“ It seems like yesterday when Ed and Don were working with the Rye Youth Soccer League. Those were wonderful family-centered days. Don was a good guy, and he will be missed. Sandy, I am thinking of you and your family, and you have my heartfelt sympathy.
Sharon LeBlanc”

Sharon LeBlanc - September 12, 2013 at 08:47 AM

BS

“ Difficult to add anything more to the tributes that have already been made except "Amen". I met Don in Navy squadron VP-9 in 1969 where we were members of the same flight crew, he the Aircraft Commander, I the copilot. I also happened to work for him in the Operations Department of the squadron. Just as everyone has said he was talented, kind, positive, humorous, professional. Always a mentor, always a friend. Over the years wife Cynthia were privileged to share memorable times with Don and Sandy. A more talented, loyal friend a person could never know. Some things are just not fair. May he rest in peace.

*Bill & Cynthia Stedfield
VP-9 1969-72
Western Air Lines/Delta Air Lines 1979-2004*

Bill & Cynthia Stedfield - September 11, 2013 at 10:59 PM

AG

“ A great friend, Rye Lion and Senior SERVE volunteer will be missed by so many people whose lives he touched. Whether it was a matter of humor or humanity Don was always there. Our deepest condolences to Sandy and the rest of the Osborne family.

Alan & Donna Gould

Alan & Donna Gould - September 11, 2013 at 06:54 PM

CH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. We have fond memories once being Washington Road neighbors and always comparing one another's yards. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Lincoln and Carol Hanscom

Carol Hanscom - September 11, 2013 at 06:10 PM

BC

“ Along with all the rest of the real Delta Family, I was shocked and saddened to read that Don had died. In 1985 I transferred over to Boston from Chicago on the B-727. To my good fortune, Don was one of the first First Officers I flew with. There was to be many more times of the same. He was a professional, with a quick wit, and helped the "new guy" get acclimated to the unique Boston flying environment. He became a good friend and I will miss him. My deepest sympathy goes out to his surviving family.

Bob Campbell - Hampton

Bob Campbell - September 11, 2013 at 05:30 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donald H. Osborne Jr..



September 11, 2013 at 05:06 PM



“ We were sorry to hear of Don's passing. It came as a big shock. We met Don while non-revving between BOS and ATL many moons ago. Our initial conversation was about the pro and cons of Volvos. After we moved to Portsmouth we saw Don in town and at Logan many times. He was a great guy and always wanted to know what was going on in your life. We last saw him at the Maine Boat Builders show in March and he never said a word about being sick. He was a multi talented guy who will be greatly missed.

*Jim and Cindy Oliver
Portsmouth/Rye , NH
DAL 250 and 125*

James Oliver - September 11, 2013 at 04:54 PM

MM

“ I'm sorry to hear the news of Don's passing. Years ago, I lived in North Hampton and would occasionally run into Don but most memories are of flying with him. I was based in BOS for years and his smiling face made everyone's day better. A great sense of humor and a great guy. Love to the entire family, Mary Jane (Greenlee) Markle

mary jane markle - September 11, 2013 at 04:27 PM

BC

“ I am very saddened to hear of Don's passing. Don was a real gentleman and always fun to be around. I hadn't seen him in years and had no idea he was ill. Deepest condolences to all Don's family. A great guy who will be missed by all who knew him.

*Bruce Cullen
DAL '72-'03*

Bruce Cullen - September 11, 2013 at 03:59 PM

SC

“ *The entire staff at the Kittery Trading Post Shooting Sports Division are going to miss Don and his friendly smile. Don was not only a regular customer he was a good friend always willing to make us smile. Joe Haberland and I will especially miss hiim and his words of wisdom.*

*Scott Cataldi
Assistant Manager
Shooting Sports*

scott cataldi - September 11, 2013 at 12:39 PM

KW

“ *I was truly saddened to hear of the loss of such a great man. I always looked forward to a trip with Don as I knew I could count on an enjoyable three or four days. Always upbeat and positive as he performed his flight duties in an utmost professional matter. His intellect and wit were among his greatest assets. We will all miss him . My wife Judy and send our deepest condolences to Sandy and family.*

Keith Wolcott , DAL 1978 -2005

Keith Wolcott - September 11, 2013 at 12:38 PM

EW

“ *I met Don when he and Sandy first started dating. (Sandy and I have been friends since Junior High school.)*



The memory I want to share is an old OLD one: I was maid of honor in their wedding, and shortly after Don and Sandy returned from their honeymoon, I visited them in Corpus Christi ...the fact that he was ok with Sandy's 'best friend' visiting so soon after they were first married has always made me smile - he TRIED to teach me something about sailing. I admit i was not so very quick to learn...

I am so glad that I had a chance to know him. I This was a man of class and talent and such a strong spirit throughout his life and even during this illness. The world has been made richer by his life, and my heart goes out to all of the family.

Ellen Wolfson - September 11, 2013 at 12:14 PM

CS

“ *One of the classiest people we have ever known. Thanks for being the all around great guy we all knew and appreciated. We are glad to have had the opportunity to share his love of travel and the ocean. Don was always willing to share his good fortune with others, generosity was his hallmark.*

Chris & Kae Sloane - September 11, 2013 at 10:50 AM

RP

“ Don is the kind of friend that makes your life much more valuable and rich. He was always more concerned/interested in you than he was about himself. He was so competent in everything he did, but that twinkle in his eye and humorous insight let you know that he didn't take himself too seriously. I met Don and Sandy when I joined VP-9 at Moffett Field, Mountain View, CA in 1968. We both enjoyed years of Navy P-3 adventures together (including a tour in Viet Nam) before going to work for Delta Air Lines in 1972 and have remained good friends since day one. His kindred spirit will stay a part of both my wife and I forever. Sandy, please know that we are there for you! Randall and Donald Palmer, Evergreen, CO, USN 1966-1972, DL 1972-2003

Randall and Donald Palmer - September 11, 2013 at 10:46 AM

GL

“ How many words can you think of that describe Don? A few would have to include; artistic, adventurous, knowledgeable, proficient, curious, dependable, humble, committed, compassionate, funny, versatile, loving, and reliable. He was a modern day Renaissance man and the epitome of the kind of person you want to fly your plane, be your neighbor, take your picture, drive your car, and be your friend. He will be missed and remembered by all who knew him, especially the Layman family.

Garry and Karol Layman - September 11, 2013 at 09:54 AM



“ Our lives were enriched through having known Don. We'll cherish the memories of our times and adventures together. He was a good friend and will be missed. Danna and Bill Truslow

Bill Truslow - September 11, 2013 at 09:38 AM

PG

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Don. He was truly a great friend who was compassionate and cared deeply for others. Upon learning of our dog Emma's illness, he used his extraordinary photography skills to capture some of her last photos with us. What a gift! We loved his sense of humor and we shared many good times with Don and Sandy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Osborne family. Farewell to a wonderful man. Kathy and Paul Goldman, Rye, NH



Paul Goldman - September 11, 2013 at 08:59 AM

RM

“ Our thoughts are with you, Sandy and family. Don was our good neighbor for many years, a golden retriever lover, and a most generous person. He lives on in our home through his wonderful photography. We will miss him. Bob and Marilyn Marchant

Robert Marchant - September 11, 2013 at 08:04 AM

FM

“ I loved flying with Don. A great sense of humor and knowledge of many subjects, making it a joy to fly with him. After he got sick I would talk to him at the fly ins assuring me he was doing fine, always upbeat. Ill miss him.

Frank Morse

DAL 62/97

frank morse - September 11, 2013 at 07:57 AM

DD

“ Don shared his kindness and teamwork spirit when the South Berwick Rod and Gun Club underwent major range renovations. He was a valued member of the club and a true friend. He will be missed by all of us.

*Domenick DeNuzzio
President, SBRGC*

Domenick DeNuzzio - September 11, 2013 at 07:55 AM

EC

“ Don was one of the kindest human beings I have ever known, and one of the funniest. We both flew P-3s for VP-9 and enjoyed many trips together on the 727 and 767. We were in the same 767 training class in 1992. Your spirits were always uplifted when Don was present. My last time spent with him was doing what Don so often did, quietly caring for and showing support for others. We drove to Sanford for Brian Emard's memorial service. It is difficult for all of us who knew him to realize we will never see that smile again. Yet his presence will still be felt.

Ed Caylor - September 11, 2013 at 07:48 AM

DH

“ I will miss Don's great smile and personality! I am shocked!
Dan Hurley Ret. '85

Dan Hurley - September 11, 2013 at 07:28 AM

LS

“ Don's artistry as a photographer and his love of cars are two memories that come to mind, but mostly Tony and I remember him with a ready laugh and a good joke. Always kind and welcoming and brave, Don will live on in all of the lives he touched. Our love and prayers go to Sandy and the whole family who surrounded him with love and grace. Much love. Tony and Linda Stewart

Linda Stewart - September 11, 2013 at 07:13 AM

AW

“ I don't think many of us knew how sick Don was so this came as a big shock. I think the best tribute you can give to anyone is that they were loved by all who knew them and Don was one of those. Friend, fellow pilot, and a great person. The good die too young. Prayers and condolences to Sandra at this sorrowful time. Art Williams DAL 72-05

Art Williams - September 11, 2013 at 06:48 AM

BW

“ Donald was a friend to all. He was most concerned about you rather than himself. Always a smile and a good joke. His camera on the ready. If you were sick Don would call and give you a lift. A great attitude and a good friend. I will miss him as I know all that knew him will also. Sherry and I send our sympathy to his family. Barry and Sherry Watkins
NE/DAL 67-95

BarryL Watkins - September 10, 2013 at 08:27 PM

MM

“ Great guy, great pilot. A favorite to fly with by both pilots and flight attendants. Always a smile and a joke. Don is gone too soon and remembered forever. I'm very sorry to hear of Don's passing and offer my sympathy to all his family.

Manny and Sloan Mason

Manny Mason - September 10, 2013 at 07:46 PM

MC

Great guy, great pilot, great smile - I'm sorry he's gone so soon.

*Mike Conaboy
DL Retired 1977 - 2005*

Mike Conaboy - September 10, 2013 at 08:31 PM

RG

“ I remember Don as a real people person with a passion for cars and photography. If you got him on your flight schedule you knew it would be a good month. He was always interested in what was going on in your life. A Great pilot, good teacher with a sense of humor, compassionate and an all round gentleman.

*Roger Green
NE/DL 1966-2001*

Roger Green - September 10, 2013 at 07:36 PM

DB

“ Don was one of the professional pilots with whom you loved to fly. He was a consummate professional, who had a witty sense of humor that made flying with him so much fun. His favorite saying in the cockpit was "keep it light, but do it right." He enjoyed flying and loved the people with whom he flew even more. I learned so much from him and valued his friendship. I am better for having known Don Osborne.

Dave Bushy

Delta Air Lines 1979-2004

Dave Bushy - September 10, 2013 at 06:40 PM