



Don Lohrengel

July 24, 1937 - November 5, 2021

Donald Ray Lohrengel, 84, passed away on November 5, 2021, at his home in Tempe, Arizona, from Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Don was born on July 24, 1937, in Kansas City, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Wilhelm Lohrengel and Noel Alberta Crow Lohrengel. He is survived by Karen Greene Lohrengel, his wife of 13 years; Eileen Sandburg, his previous wife of 34 years; daughters Jennifer Williams and Julie Hinke; granddaughters Avery Lorca, Megan Karr, Bailey Chapman, and Elise Hinke. He is also survived by his sister, LaRita Shroy.

Don graduated from Rosedale High School (Kansas City, Kansas) in 1955, then earned a college degree from Kansas State Teacher's College (Emporia, Kansas) in 1960. After graduating, he taught junior school high math and science, then moved on to attend crop dusting school in Minden, Nevada. He worked as a crop duster for a short period, after which he spent two years as a draftsman for Taylor Forge in Paola, Kansas. He also served as part-time flight instructor on weekends at Fairfax Municipal Airport in Kansas City, Kansas.

His career in aviation was where he finally found a home. He worked with Army Air Cadets at Fort Stewart in Hinesville, Georgia, then began his career as a ground instructor and a flight instructor with the airlines: TransWorld Airlines (TWA) in Kansas City, Air America in Laos, Saudi Arabian Airlines in

Saudi Arabia, back to TWA in Kansas City then St. Louis, and finally retiring from Continental Airlines in Houston, Texas.

Don was a lifelong adventurer. He flew in helicopters over Vietnam, served as an additional flight deck crew member on turbojet airplanes, and enjoyed fishing. Don dove for lobsters while camping on Red Sea beaches, camped in the Arabian Desert, traced Lawrence of Arabia's path on the Hejaz railway, and explored the lands of Moses. He participated in a 12-day camping and driving adventure to Jordan, including the rose-colored city of Petra, and explored Mount Nebo and possible routes of the Exodus. Don enjoyed scuba diving in Truk Lagoon in the South Pacific, exploring ships and planes sunk in a WWII air battle. He scrambled up and down Mount Kilimanjaro (19,340 feet) in Africa at age 64; obtained a Boeing-737 type rating at age 65; and completed a solo 70-mile bike ride in Phoenix, Arizona, in his mid-seventies.

Visitation and memorial service will be held on December 10, 2021, at Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, Kansas 66106.

Visitation will be from 1:00pm to 2:00pm central time and the memorial service will begin promptly at 2:00pm central time. The service will be live streamed via Facebook. Burial will immediately follow at nearby Maple Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the AOPA Foundation. The AOPA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which funds the You Can Fly program, the Air Safety Institute, and flight training scholarships. <https://foundation.aopa.org/ways-to-give>

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

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Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Don Lohrengel*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Don Lohrengel*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Don Lohrengel.*



December 07, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Lohrengel.*



December 07, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Don Lohrengel.*



December 02, 2021 at 09:59 PM