Captain Edward H. Meier III, born on November 3, 1956, peacefully passed away on December 24, 2016 at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas surrounded by the love from family. Throughout all of the success and achievements in Eddie’s life, aviation and family were his biggest and most prestigious accomplishments. While Edward loved his career as a pilot, flying was also a lifestyle that he shared with friends and family. From the beginning he was raised with an interest in airplanes and aviation by his father, Edward Harvey Meier Jr. and mother, Jerri Weaver Meier. As a pilot since the age of 15, Edward was honored to be a Captain for Southwest Airlines for 30 years. He spent all leisure time building and flying his airplanes while raising his family in the world of aviation. Through his airline career, Ed was able to meet the love of his life, Gina Knight Meier, with whom he shared 21 years of cherished marriage. He is survived by his wife Gina, daughter, Skyla Ryan Meier, two sons, Taylor Edward Meier and Chancellor Glen Miller, grandson, Mylan Glen Miller, mother, Jerri Weaver Meier, and brothers, Butch Meier and Perry Meier. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Harvey Meier Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you keep Ed’s vision alive by giving back to St. Jude’s Medical Foundation with a contribution to their mission, or volunteering at the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Another foundation that is of importance to the Meier Family is the American Liver Foundation where they strive to research all aspects that contribute to or prevent liver disease.

In remembrance of Edward H. Meier III, please join us in his “Celebration of Life” on Sunday, January 8, 2017. The celebration will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 1900 Gateway Blvd. Mckinney, TX 75070 from 4-7PM. Scheduled stories and memories of Eddie will begin at 5 PM. We also welcome anyone to share special memories they have of Ed during this time.

Memorials
Eddy had a part time job for us many years ago when he was a young man growing up in Sonoma. We have not seen him in years, but even then, he was a nice, sweet, kind, lively person who SO enjoyed life and loved his family and anything to do with flying and we knew he had made it his career as well as his passion. He had a mischievous grin and always looked like he was up to something. The news of his untimely passing saddened us but he was like a bright shooting star. Our condolences to Jerri and Perry and all the family - we are so sorry for your loss.

STEVE AND NANCY WEILER, JANUARY 18, 2017

People speak of high school and college with many fond memories with fun and interesting people. Ed Meier was one of those fun and interesting people! If it was working on his roadster or his planes he was enjoying every moment of life. Kind, gentle and a smiling soul Ed was growing up. So many of us are saddened to hear of his passing. Happy Flying Ed To Ed's Family~ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. May you be comforted by the love that surrounds you.

JANE, JANUARY 10, 2017

Dear Gina and family: I am so sorry about Eddie. What a great guy. And a great pilot and great family man. We will miss him greatly out at Aerocountry.

Jim Collins

JIM COLLINS, JANUARY 8, 2017

You were always a blast to fly with. The day was alway full of laughter......... Thank you..

PHILIP CORDER, JANUARY 7, 2017

Eddie as you fly west, may the winds be with you and as you get to that great place for pilots I hope for happiness and peacefulness. KIDV

LARRY (KID) VALENE, JANUARY 6, 2017

It is with sadness that we hear of and accept the news of Ed's passing. Many memories starting almost 40 years ago remind me of our working and flying
together, conversations, and warm friendship. His great knowledge and skill working on aircraft will be missed also. Rest in peace Ed.

JOHN BARR, JANUARY 6, 2017

Godspeed and great tailwinds our good friend. Luv Ya Dumbo

BOB DOMBROWSKI, JANUARY 6, 2017

Gods speed. It was a pleasure working with you. Prayers to the family and friends. This was a funny good man.

KYLE MARTIN HOU OPS , JANUARY 5, 2017

Thank you for your service, and contribution to SWA. Fellow employee # 5714

STEVE STEWART, JANUARY 4, 2017

I met Eddie Jr. at Rio Airways in the very early 80s. I was an aviation "Who's Nobody". Eddie was a first officer. He was funny, smart, kind, and swashbuckling. A friend to everyone, no matter who they were. A very great guy. Loved airplanes. I likewise met Eddie's brother Perry. Perry told me at the demise of Muse Air to take a tug at Love Field and go over to see the airplanes his dad, Eddie Meir Sr. (retired Braniff Captain) was flying. I was eventually flying regularly with Ed Sr., learning a lot from him, in those Convair 340s. Perry and I both ended up at Continental, where the 3rd Meier brother, Butch, was my boss in the Houston Chief Pilots office. Quite the aviation family, the Meiers. I will remember Eddie with great fondnes and respect. And I am very glad for planet earth that some Meiers are still inhabiting it now and in the future. This photo of Eddie says it all about him!

PAUL S WILSON, JANUARY 4, 2017

I just found out about Ed and I would like to tell the Meier family how I loved Ed. We had a lot of fun flying when we were kids. He is one of the neatest characters I ever new. Jim Maris named him ZERO but he was anything but a ZERO. JP

JOHN PRICE, JANUARY 3, 2017

Blue Skies and Tailwinds Captain Eddy! We're gonna' miss that wry smile and sense of humor you're so famous for! We have truly lost one of the "greats", Godspeed to you, and prayers of comfort to your family.
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