



Hal Stoen

February 12, 2016

Hal Stoen, 74, died Friday, February 12, 2016 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, MS.

To quote Mr. Stoen, "Born in the town of Lafayette, Indiana I now find myself living in Lafayette County, Mississippi- let the circle be unbroken". He and his wife, Penny, had lived in Minneapolis approximately 40 years before moving to Oxford. Mr. Stoen was a veteran of the United States Navy. He began flying after leaving the Navy, getting his Private Pilot license in 1966. After years as a flight instructor, he became a corporate pilot; a position he held for 18 years. Mr. Stoen flew airplanes for almost 25 years, accumulating over 6,000 logged hours. Mr. Stoen worked as manager of the electrical department of a woodworking company after his aviation career. He has written several books related to aviation and World War II transports.

A memorial service will be held Monday, April 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home, 601 Commerce Parkway, Oxford, MS..

Survivors include his wife, Penny Stoen, of Oxford, MS; several extended family members, Geri Berg, Marlene (Ken) Wright, Dewey (Susie) Hibben and Dean (Jeanette) Hibben; many nieces and nephews.

His parents, Dr. Harold and Phyllis Stoen, and a sister, Peggy Hedberg, preceded Mr. Stoen in death.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the giver's choice.

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com

"When once you have tasted flight you will always walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward; for there you have been and there you will always be."

Leonardo da Vinci

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ *I only just now found out about Hal's passing. I am shocked and so sorry to hear that.*

Like many of the people writing here, I never met Hal Stoen in person.

I bought the CD of his aviation writing, and couldn't stop reading his stories.

Reading his stories has always been a great pleasure to me.

His special humor made me lough very often.

I have had contact to Hal Stoen by some e-mail letters and i remember him always as a real gentleman.

My thoughts and prayers with Penny and all family and friends.

Hal, always blue skies. RIP.

Andreas G. from Germany

Mr. Andreas Gottschalk - January 16, 2017 at 05:25 PM

JB

“ *Like with surely many others, my first contact with Hal's writings was about flight simulators.*

But what touched me more were the stories we found in his CD, related to his work as flight instructor and corporate pilot.

In his writings, he transmitted love, passion and respect for planes and flying and it inspired us very much. I've learned so much reading his books and tutorials!

My thoughts and prayers with Penny and all family and friends.

Hal, RIP.

Jorge Branco

Lisbon, Portugal

Jorge Branco - December 04, 2016 at 08:44 AM

JC

“ Like many of the people writing in, I never met Hal in person. I bought a CD of his aviation writing, and simply couldn't put it down. Reading his stories or his instructions transported me to another world and another place, and I just didn't want it to stop.

Somehow, through his words, I learned and laughed and absorbed how to fly, how to love flying, and how to pursue life.

Although I never met him, I feel like I did. He had a real gift at inspiring people. He sure inspired me.

My thoughts and condolences,
Jim Coyer
Bay Area, California

Jim Coyer - August 08, 2016 at 08:15 PM

MR

“ I never met or knew Hal personally, but enjoyed all his stories I found on the internet and on his CD. I only just now found out about Hal's passing. The world is a lesser place without him. Thoughts and prayers to Penny and all who knew him...

Marc Rademakers, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

Marc Rademakers - August 05, 2016 at 06:28 AM

RK

“ What a beautiful tribute to Hal. A cousin by marriage to Penny. The eulogy given by Glen Coleman was wonderful. Hal was a wonderful husband, an extremely talented man; and kind to all. His books about flying you cannot put down. He was my husband and brother in laws flight instructor oh so many years ago. His Christmas letters were looked forward to every year. He lived life to the fullest with the love of his life. He had no regrets !! You will be missed Hal. Rodell and Karen Richfield Minnesota God Bless You !



Rodell Kopesky - April 23, 2016 at 11:29 AM

CC

“ What a bright gentlemen...always a joy to be with and you usually learned something just being around Hal. He is missed everyday and our prayers go out to Penny.

Chet & Kathy Cohron - April 17, 2016 at 01:42 PM

MG

“ *What wonderful memories I have had with Hal Stoen. When I flew with Hal I always went first class. It was the only way Hal would have it. Even if I was just a rookie designer or he was sending us out to some remote little town in Podunk villa to fix a broken down sawing machine, we were in for a first class time. Fresh hot coffee and rolls were there on the plane and good magazines to read. We also knew that we would be flying with the safe-est pilot in the sky. Every step in the flight plan was done to the "T". The plane and the hanger were such a wonderful expression of Hal. Everything was immaculate. He had thoughts and words for everyone. His jokes were the funniest ever told. He would stand up and tell a joke to a crowd of people, who were a bit stuffy or were trying to have a good time, and he would have everyone rolling in laughter. Oh my, I miss everything about Hal. When I fly today, I think about Hal. So many people had fun times with Hal and Penny. He just cannot be replicated. We will save those memories forever. The family and friends of Hal are fortunate to have known them, as I have been fortunate. Good bless Hal and Penny. "Walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward"....For there Hal will be.*

Max Green

Retired Engineering Manager at MJ.

Max Green - February 21, 2016 at 11:08 AM

MW

“ *Penny*
Sorry to hear of your loss with Hal's passing.
I truly appreciated his positive attitude on every flight we made together with co-workers, customers and prospects. Hal made sure everyone was always comfortable, and welcomed on 76M and 57G.
Hal, you were the epitome of a "Company Pilot", thank you.
Rest in peace Hal.

Marv West

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Marvin West - February 17, 2016 at 08:35 AM

SL

“ Dear Penny, Family and Friends,
I was lucky to have Hal as my boss for approximately eight wonderful years. (I got to see Penny's smiley face occasionally too). :-)
Both of you, Penny, were always warm and kind to me. Thank you.

*Hal was a great boss! He was kind, funny, fair, and also very patriotic.
I shared many fond memories with him.*

Hal taught me so much about work and also about life in general. At work, he taught me to look at things from a customers perspective, and to take time to do things right, the way they would want it to be done. Thru his example I learned what a good boss was.

Hal was someone who cared about his workers. He treated us well, and he had a realistic understanding of life and that other people had a life outside of work. We talked about his flying days, we taught each other about computers/programs (although he taught me more then I taught him), and we cracked jokes.

Hal mentioned to me once, "always remember who you are and where you came from" (another words, who taught you. He meant never be "too good" to recognize those who got you where you are today no matter how far in life you go). I will never forget that he taught me this.

I thank God for allowing Hal to be my boss, my teacher, my friend.

He was one of the best "life coaches/teachers" I ever had.

Hal & Penny, you have been in my daily thoughts and prayers for some time now.

I will continue to remember you both in my thoughts and prayers.

May God comfort you and guide you.

My most heart felt sympathies to you and yours.

I remember hearing one time, "are you going to be mad at God for taking your loved one, or are you going to be happy for the time you were able to share with this loved one?"

God bless you,

Steve Lahr

Steve Lahr - February 16, 2016 at 08:21 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Hal Stoen.



February 16, 2016 at 07:39 PM