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John "Captain Jack" Albert McCormick Jr., of Honolulu, Hawaii passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at the Straub Clinic and Hospital in Honolulu; he was 89 years old. He was the eldest of three children born to John Albert McCormick Sr. and Sadie Margaret Breining in Los Angeles, California on January 21, 1927. He attended St. Patrick School (Eureka), Judd Memorial High School in Salt Lake City, Utah; then furthered his education at Kapiolani Community College in Honolulu, Hawaii. Although he did not earn a degree, he took specialized aeronautical classes and other classes in astronomy and volcanology.

After graduation he began his career as a plane mechanic, piloting a mail carrier plane, charter pilot, and then a commercial airline pilot. He was employed with the airline industry from 1982 and after serving 32 years, he retired as a Captain with both Western and Delta Airlines.

He lived in Eureka and Salt Lake City, Utah, Los Angeles and Northridge, California, and finally made Honolulu, Hawaii his home.

He was married to Sherma West on July 3, 1947 and they had three daughters. He loved and cherished his family and always made sure that they were cared for. With the exception of the love and affection of his family, John's learning and pursuing a career to fly was his passion.

After retirement, they were interested in learning more about their Hawaiian State. John was raised Catholic.

He was involved with ALPA, Silver Eagles, and was a member of the Smithsonian; which involved reunion meetings at varied sites around the country. He enjoyed reading and learning more about space, history, astronomy, biographies, and geography. He also enjoyed listening to popular orchestra music and Frank Sinatra's "I Did It My Way".



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Special friends in his life were Dick Bleue and Bill Lobaugh.

He is survived by wife, Sherma W. McCormick; daughters, Barbara M. (Robert) Donley, Michelle M. (Donald) Pratt, and Denise A. McCormick; eight grandchildren, Noele (Todd) Salesky, Michelle Donley, Kathleen Donley, Nicole Donley (Michael Scottibelli), Erin (Pete) Montalvo, Shannon Thompson, Elizabeth (Mike) Eakright and Matthew D. McCormick; eight great-grandchildren, Sophia Scottibelli, Andres Lerea, Jakob Stanek, Josephine Montalvo, Isabelle Montalvo, Nicholas Montalvo, Peter Montalvo and Amelia Eakright.

John will be remembered as a persistent, determined, and strong willed man. His catch phrase or quote was "Que Sera Sera". He will truly be missed by his family and friends.

No services were held.



Tribute Wall

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JL

Jim Lawrence posted:

I am very sorry to hear of "Captain Jack's " passing. I had MANY MANY fun hours flying with Jack when I was a 707/720 Flight engineer at Western. I ALWAYS looked forward to flying with him. I'll never forget the time I saw Jack in ops and I said :Hi Jack!!"....and he took me by the arm and said "Jim,,,please greet me with Hi John....HIJACK gives me the hiccups!!!!" I laughed so hard I had tears!!! This was during the "Hijack times". Fond memories "Captain Jack"....Rest In Peace".

March 28 at 11:45 PM

SM

Sue Moreira posted:

Mr. McCormick was a very special man. I remember, as a child, thinking he had such an exotic job. Little did I know, that he was living his dream. He was the head of a beautiful family, that always treated me like family. Our Dad's did have a special friendship. I was disconnected from the family for many years. I decided I wanted to reconnect, so I began searching the internet. I knew he and Mrs. McCormick had retired to Hawaii so they were not hard to find. I wrote them a letter. About a week later, I got a wonderful telephone call. Yes, it was Mr. McCormick. I couldn't stop smiling. We had several more conversations which I will cherish. My deepest condolences to all of you (Mrs. McCormick, Barbara, Michelle and Denise). With much love, Sue (Lobaugh)

March 14 at 12:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John "Captain Jack" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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