



Richard Lawrence Haag

December 21, 1947 - April 24, 2014

RICHARD LAWRENCE HAAG

1947 - 2014

Richard Lawrence Haag, Lt. Col. USAF (Retired), age 66 of Plattsmouth, NE passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Bellevue Medical Center in Bellevue, NE.

Rick was born on December 21, 1947 to Lawrence Richard and Adeline Ann (Moldenhauer) Haag in Jamestown, ND. He moved as an infant with his family to Heyburn, ID. Rick was raised and schooled in Heyburn and graduated from Minidoka County High School with the class of 1966. He met the love of his life, Marsha Lynne Dixon and they were later married on July 18, 1970 in Orofino, ID.

Rick attended and graduated from the University of Idaho in 1971 with a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy. Upon his graduation from the University of Idaho, he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force through the R.O.T.C. program on August 12, 1971. He attended undergraduate Pilot Training at Moody A.F.B. in Georgia. After his graduation in August of 1972, he was assigned to the 22nd Air Refueling Squadron (A.R.E.F.S.) at March A.F.B. in California as a KC-135 co-pilot, Rick was upgraded to Aircraft Commander in August of 1975 and in December of 1976, he was transferred to the 46th A.R.E.F.S. in Michigan. Then he was upgraded to Instructor Pilot and served as an Aircraft Commander, a Training Flight Instructor Pilot, and Flight Commander. In December of 1980, he was transferred to the 93rd A.R.E.F.S.

in California. There he served as a Combat Crew Training Squadron Instructor Pilot and Evaluator Pilot.

In February of 1984, he was assigned as maintenance Supervisor of the 93rd Field Maintenance Squadron. He moved to the 93rd Organizational Maintenance Squadron in August of 1984 and served as Maintenance Supervisor until taking the command of the 513th Avionics Maintenance Squadron.

While serving his country, Rick was a Senior Pilot logging over 3,000 military flight hours. He served his country during the Vietnam War and the Persian Gulf War in Operation Desert Storm. His military awards and decorations include an Air Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, retiring from the U.S. Air Force on September 30, 1991.

Then he was a commercial pilot for Midwest Airlines for seventeen years, where he logged over ten thousand hours of flight time. Rick and Marsha moved to Plattsmouth in November of 1994 and have been here since.

After retiring from Midwest Airlines, Rick enjoyed his family and grandchildren's activities. Rick was always involved in a project. He could create, fix, or build anything. One of his current projects was teaching his grand children how to play golf. He and Marsha thoroughly enjoyed camping in their motor home and spending their winters in Arizona. On the way back from Arizona, there was always the traditional stop in Kansas to hunt and make sausage with his brother Ron and his family. His persona was bigger than life. He always said, "Work hard weekdays, play hard on weekends".

Rick was many things to many people, his leadership, guidance, and love will be forever missed, and always treasured.

Rick was a member of Lepert Wolever V.F.W. Post #2543, Plattsmouth Gun Club both of Plattsmouth, NE and Lake Ridge Golf Course of Beaver Lake, NE.

Rick is survived by his wife: Marsha Haag of Plattsmouth, NE, daughter: Angela Yost & husband Anton of Beaver Lake, NE, son: Michael Haag & wife Christie of Beaver Lake, NE, three grandchildren: Jameson Yost, Jayger

Haag, Mikena Haag all of Beaver Lake, NE, sister: Carol McConnell & husband Gary of Eugene, OR, brother: Ronald Haag of wife Latisha of Ellis, KS, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Lawrence and Adeline Haag and father-in-law: John Schultz.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, April 28, 2014 at First Lutheran Church in Plattsmouth, NE with Pastor Lloyd Stuhr officiating and Marcia Fleming as organist.

Visitations will be held from 1-9 P.M. with family greeting relatives and friends from 6-8 P.M., Sunday, April 27, 2014 at Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth, NE.

Graveside Service will be at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at Leavenworth National Cemetery in Leavenworth, KS.

Pallbearers will be Mike Haag, Ron Haag, Anton Yost, Gary McConnell, Quinn Jones, Bill Schultz, and Jim Corr.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Jameson Yost, Jayger Haag, Mikena Haag, Zeke Haag, Kaydawn Haag, and Asher Haag.

Military Rites will be conducted by Lepert Wolever V.F.W. Post #2543 of Plattsmouth, NE at the Funeral Service at First Lutheran Church and by the Whiteman Air Force Base Honor Guard of Whiteman A.F.B., MO at the Graveside Service at Leavenworth National Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to First Lutheran Church in Plattsmouth, NE.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Lawrence Haag*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Rick was a great person and lots of fun to be around. I was blessed to have him be a part of my life and he will be missed. I pray peace, understanding, and comfort from above during this difficult time for your family.*

*With Love and Fond Memories,
Kathy*

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Kathy Young - June 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *Angie, Anton, Marsha, and family, We send our sympathy to all of you on the loss of a great man, Rick. He was a man with lots of energy and love of life. Keep memories close to your heart. Ronn, Trudi, AJ and Ryley Nolin*

June 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM

JZ

“ Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow felt by the loss of Rick. Our heart is with you and his family. It is said that some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same. This is especially true of Rick. Today I feel like I, too, have lost a brother.

"Missing someone gets easier every day because even though it's one day further from the last time you saw each other, it's one day closer to the next time you will. - Author Unknown"

John and Andrea Zody - June 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM

MH

“ We are so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. We hope he is now enjoying the most beautiful "greens" he has ever golfed on and never a slice or hook to be had again. He will be missed!

Mike & Barb Heenan - June 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM

JJ

“ Marsha & family We want to convey to you our deepest condolences at this time of loss in your family. Rick was a great guy and I remember his laughter when he took me water skiing many years ago. Praying for God's complete peace and comfort to you all as you go through this time.

Jerry & Lynda Jackson - June 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM

SM

“ I was extremely proud of my Uncle Rick. I never missed an opportunity to tell people about his military service as well as his life as a pilot. I will miss him and love him always.

Shane McConnell - June 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM

BF

“ Thanks for your Military Service to Our Country.Past Commander V.F.W.

Bill Fead - June 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM

GS

“ Praise God for the times that we had with Rick at our side. He reminds me of a good apple pie. Kind of crusty on the outside, but very sweet on the inside. We will treasure our memories with a very good man and great friend. Our prayers are with our sweet Marsha and the family. May God be with you now and forever.

Gene & Joann Schrader - June 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM

TM

“ Rick was such a caring man with no negative comments about anyone unless the last name happened to be Obama! We so enjoyed our golf games and social times together with Rick and Marsha at River Lodge in Arizona. Although we will miss Rick so much, we know he is in Paradise with our Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marsha and all of their family. God Bless You All,
Tom & Anita Montgomery

Tom and Anita Montgomery - April 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM

TC

“ To all of Rick's family, My heart goes out to all of you at this difficult time. Rick was taken from us way too soon..he had so much more to give. My Thoughts & Prayers are with you Marsha and all your family. May God keep you strong and help you through this difficult time..with Love & Sympathy, Terri

Terri Corr - April 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM

QJ

“ My Uncle was always there for me. He kept me on the straight and narrow road and promoted the importance of marriage, family and God. He was always proud of me and my accomplishments and never hesitated to tell me he loved me and my family. I don't know if there are words to express the appreciation I have for you and your influence in my life. I love you Rick, Marsha, Angie and Mike.

Quinn Jones - April 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM

BG

“ Marsha, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. I'll always remember Rick's smile and laugh. We had great fun flying the "TANKER" and pulling "SAC ALERT".

*Bill and Gail Green
(46th AREFS KI Sawyer)*

Bill Green - April 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM

HI

“ We had some great times together flying the "Old" Tanker both stateside and in Southeast Asia. Some of the stories would curl your hair. Rick was a great pilot and an all around great guy. I will miss him immensely. We had wonderful times together as families, which was Rick's number one priority. I'm so sorry that God took him from Marsha and the kids so early. But I'm up there, still talking about airplanes and probably talking to God about politics.

Here's a poem that I think is appropriate for Rick's spirit:

Remembering those who served with us

I FLEW

by Brad Baker

*When the last checklist's run and the bag drag is done,
I'll reminisce on the days I once knew,
I won't remember the oh-three-hundred alerts,
But only that I flew!*

*I will not remember the crew rest in tents,
Nor recall how cold Arctic winds blew,
And I'll try not to remember the times I got sick,
But only that I flew!*

*I will never forget when nature became angry,
To challenge my intrepid crew,
I'll always remember the fear I felt,
And the pride in knowing I flew.*

*I'll remember the sights my mortal eyes saw,
All colored in multiple hues,
Those beautiful lights on cold winter nights,
Seen only by those who flew.*

*God was extremely good to me,
He let me touch his face,
He saw my crew through war and peace,
And blessed us with His grace.*

*So when I stand at St. Peter's Gate,
And tell him that I'm new,
I know he'll smile and welcome me,
Because he knows
I FLEW!*

Haines "Grid" Gridley III - April 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ *Prayers are sent to your family.*

April 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love you Marsha. Jolene*

Jolene Jankowski - April 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM

RA

“ I was so very sorry to learn of this tragic and untimely loss. Rick was one of the finest human beings I ever had the honor and pleasure of knowing in my life. I truly regret that circumstances made it not possible to attend the memorial services. Please know that Rick was one of the people I most respected among all I encountered during our military and airline careers. He exemplified integrity and professionalism in all that he did. It was always evident Rick had great love and pride for his family and that you were the center of his full and happy life. Marsha, Mike, Angie and family, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time and always. Joanne and I extend our deepest sympathy.

Rick and Joanne Anen - April 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM

CO

“ Marsha: So sorry for your loss.

Cathy Lynn Ocheltree-Jenni - April 29, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ Marsha and family, We will keep you close in our hearts at this difficult time. Rick was an intelligent and interesting man and we will miss him.

April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sad at the loss of Rick. He was a dedicated Air Force Officer, a man who loved his country and a friend who will be greatly missed. Our prayers for Marsha and the family.

April 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM