



Mr. Carl Frederick Meinzer formerly of Streamwood

February 15, 1942 - July 3, 2022

Carl F. Meinzer of Fishers, IN, formerly of Chicago, Illinois and Streamwood, Illinois.

Passed away peacefully on July 3, 2022 . He is survived by his loving wife, Roxanne Rhyne, and his children: Angelina Monaco and Derrick (Julia) Pawlak. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Mae (Chambers) Meinzer. He is also survived by Angelina's and Derrick's families, and many friends.

Carl grew up in Chicago's East Side on Avenue J. As a youngster, Carl had many friends in the neighborhood and when not in school he spent time with them playing baseball, riding bikes, and just hanging out. He went to Washington High School and graduated in January, 1960. While in high school, he played clarinet in the school orchestra and marching band, and worked for a carnival company setting up and operating the rides. Not too fond of school, Carl said he was in the orchestra and the marching band so he would get credits toward graduation so as not to have to take other courses that were not to his liking (Latin, anyone?). After high school, he worked at the Simmons Mattress Factory. Oh, the stories! His demonstration of how he operated the sewing machine with his knees is legendary. Of particular dislike there was how rigid one's day was: the horn blew to start the shift, to take mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks, to take his lunch break. And don't forget,

the horn blew again when break time was over or it was time to go home. Lots of horn blowing going on! The culture there was too strict and as such he lasted there for about a week. He didn't even bother to pick up his only paycheck! Needless to say, mattress factory life was not in Carl's plans.

Upon leaving Simmons, Carl enlisted in the military and served in the US Air Force from 1960 to 1969, active duty, and then served 2 years in the Air Force Reserves. He spent time at various Air Force bases in the US, Okinawa, and Cam Rahn Bay in Viet Nam. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant (E5) and then Technical Sergeant (E6). Carl learned his craft in the Air Force and worked as an aircraft mechanic, mostly servicing C-130 airplanes. While stateside, Carl was stationed at various Air Force bases and missile silos. He and his fellow troops worked on maintaining aircraft, and since this was during the Cold War, they were always at the ready for WW3. In their down time Carl said they mowed the lawn and played volleyball. While in Viet Nam, Carl was stationed at Cam Rahn Bay. He worked on maintaining the C-130s and supervising his crew. Carl also participated in Blind Bat missions, where they dropped flares at night and also dropped leaflets. Carl absolutely loved the Air Force and loved serving his country.

After discharge from the Air Force (active duty), Carl worked for 42 years as an aircraft mechanic at United Airlines. Carl loved everything about airplanes. He started as a fueler while he was learning about commercial aircraft. Once he finished mechanic's school, he went to work in the hangar at O'Hare in Chicago. Carl also worked in Cleveland and Denver, and spent some time in the EXO (Executive Office) at O'Hare. In 1991, he was promoted to Lead Mechanic, assigning jobs and overseeing the workday of the wide body crew. Carl also went on field service trips to other UAL stations where a mechanic was needed. Of particular note were the trips he took when United ferried our troops to Iraq and Afghanistan early on in those wars. He was honored to be of service to our servicemen and women. Carl loved United Airlines and made

lifelong friends there. He retired in March, 2011.

Carl loved to travel, and travel is what brought Carl and Roxanne together. One night at D'Agostino's, Carl asked nobody in particular "Who wants to go to Paris?" Of course, Roxanne raised her hand. And so they went to Paris in July, 2000. And a lovely romance was born. They were married in November 2005 and resided in Streamwood, IL until January 2020, when they moved to Fishers, IN. They happily traveled all over the globe: Egypt, China, Mexico, several European countries, and several parts of the US. They also enjoyed travelling with their British and German friends, and visited them often. Carl and Roxanne made a pilgrimage to London to visit their British friends every year for his birthday for a dozen years. And we can't forget the wonderful cruises they enjoyed with their friends from United Airlines. Carl and Roxanne's last trip together was a river cruise on the Danube River in 2018 that ended in Germany, and they were pleased to spend some time with their German friends. Carl believed that learning about another culture made one a more interesting person.

Carl enjoyed music, art and museums as well. He and Roxanne visited art museums where ever they travelled. And the music – Bob Dylan, Dolly Parton, Carly Simon and Johnny Cash were tops on his hit parade and were played often at home. Carl rarely passed up an opportunity to see vintage aircraft or vintage vehicles on display somewhere. Visiting IWM Duxford Air Museum was the highlight of one of their many trips to London, along with the Dale Chihuly glass art exhibit at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Carl also enjoyed his beloved Harley Road King. Carl and Roxanne spent many a summer day on the bike, riding up to Lake Geneva for the day or tooling around the backroads in the suburbs. They also spent time riding their bicycles in the forest preserves near Streamwood or along the Fox River in

Elgin. A bike ride of 25+ miles was not uncommon.

Baseball was Carl's favorite sport. Growing up, he played endless hours baseball with his friends on Avenue J. Carl was a devoted Chicago White Sox fan. He was lucky enough to skip school one day and go to one of the World Series games in 1959. He was disappointed when they lost the series to the Dodgers 4 games to 2, but elated when they won the World Series in 2005, sweeping the Houston Astros 4 games to none. For Father's day one year, Derrick took his son and Carl to U.S. Cellular Field for the White Sox Father's day event. They spent the afternoon on the field, which was a definitely a highlight of Carl's life.

Carl also loved animals. He spent many an evening watching programs on Animal Planet, and baby animals really touched him. While married to Roxanne, they had 5 cats, 3 of whom are waiting to greet him at the Rainbow Bridge – Poodah, George and Gracie. Tiger and Tabby still live with Roxanne and are missing their Daddy.

Finally, I would like to share with you two quotes that came to light when Carl passed away:

First, a quote from Fran Lawless: "The sun rises and the sun sets at O'Hare. But the shadow Carl left will always remain." That quote completely sums up the impact Carl had on his friends at the hangar, and also how much he loved United and O'Hare.

Second, an Anonymous quote posted by Angelina on her Facebook page: "A Stepparent is so much more than just a parent; they made the choice to love when they didn't have to." Carl was Angelina's and Derrick's stepfather, but really, he was their father, their dad. He was the one who helped them grow up and become the wonderful people they are today. He provided the

guidance that all children need in their lives and loved them as his own.

Carl was a caring and compassionate man. He never spoke a bad word about anyone, and was loyal to his family and friends, as well as his employers – the US Air Force and United Airlines. He was adored by his wife and children and he loved them right back. He will be terribly missed.

Visitation will be Tuesday, July 12, 2022 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Wednesday July 13, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. until time of funeral service 10:45 A.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, in Elwood, Illinois.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444.

Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169, please call 847.752.6444 with any questions.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the family, please click on the link above and you can leave the family a message, with the share a memory link. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Family. We will gladly forward it on.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood

20953 West Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUL 13. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Military Services

JUL 13. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Carl Frederick Meinzer formerly of Streamwood*

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herbert - July 13, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ *We are deeply impressed by the passing of Carl. I will never forget when Carl and Roxy picked us up from O'Hare. We had a terrible jetlag and went to a decent Italian restaurant. Our eyes burnt and we fell asleep but were happy to see Carl and Roxy again. Now we have to mourn for Carl and send condolences to Fishers, IN to his beloved wife Roxanne. We planned our next trip to the US but corona stopped us and when we return next year we won't meet Carl! All the best to Roxanne and the families.*



Regards, Herbert & Ines, Munich, Germany

herbert - July 13, 2022 at 02:00 AM

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“ *Al & Carol Chilla purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Carl Frederick Meinzer formerly of Streamwood.*



Al & Carol Chilla - July 11, 2022 at 06:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Carl Frederick Meinzer formerly of Streamwood.*



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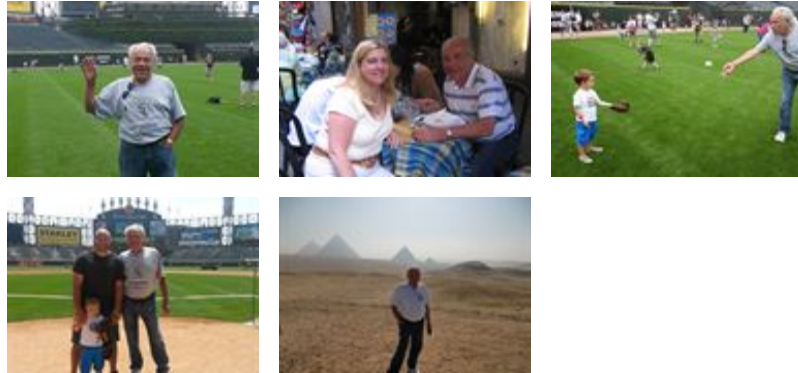


“ *Carl and I were friends through school until we graduated together from Washington. Lots of great memories. It was with sadness that I saw his obit in the Tribune. My sympathies to his family.*

Bob Blomquist - July 11, 2022 at 03:08 PM



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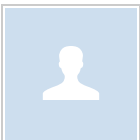
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“ *Martha purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Carl Frederick Meinzer formerly of Streamwood.*



Martha - July 11, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Carl Frederick Meinzer formerly of Streamwood.*



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“ So sorry of Carl' passing. We were friends since 1960 when we got stationed in Kansas at Forbes AFB. He even flew out and stayed with me and my wife in England. We will be friends for ever. Donald Colwell

Donald Colwell - July 06, 2022 at 04:57 PM