



Mr. Douglas Anthony Nixon

February 26, 2017

In Loving Memory . . .

August 16, 1954 – February 26, 2017

Doug Nixon passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at St. Mary's hospital at the age of 62. He was surrounded by his loving family. He will be sadly missed by so many.

Doug was born in Denbigh, Wales. At the age of 5 the family immigrated to Canada in July 1959. Doug is predeceased by his parents; George and Alice Nixon, brother Colin, sister Sheila, and sister in law Sandra.

Doug and Christine had a deep love for one another and were happily married for 15 years and enjoyed countless good times together. Doug was always telling jokes and was never seen without a smile on his face! They enjoyed a full life of boating at Fifty Point, travelling and their new hobby of going for rides on their motorcycle together. Most recently their Westcoast road trip with their best friends John & Fran Brunskill was a major highlight, a trip of a lifetime.

Doug was a passionate man who enjoyed living life to its fullest. His desire for flying started at an early age of 15 while living around St. Thomas airport,

there is where he fell in love with flying. He was one of the youngest to get his pilot's license at the time. His flying career consisted of instructing new pilots, flying for air ambulance and ending with 26 years as a regional airline pilot with Air Canada Jazz, truly earning his Captain stripes! He flew many different types of airplanes consisting of single engine piston airplanes to multi engine jets. During retirement, he enjoyed flying remote controlled aircraft at a club nearby.

Doug enjoyed playing the guitar and jamming with his children and others. One of his favorite stories was when he jammed with the very young Justin Bieber. Also somewhere out there are copies of a recording of 'Summer in the City' and 'Under the Boardwalk' where Douglas, Rob his son and Derrick his nephew are singing and playing together. Doug loved playing music for everyone and also enjoyed playing in bands in his younger days.

Always with a smile on his face nothing made him more happy than when he was with his family. From family ski trips in the Rockies to relaxing times by the fire at home and everything in between. Family was what made him most proud. Doug's commitment to his children were a big part of his life. The time he was able to spend with his grandchildren, children and his wife are the moments that will live on forever. Doug was so proud of all his 4 children (Robert, Jennifer, Jason & Candice) and his 2 step children (Carey & Kelly) and had always wanted them to be all together at one time; his wish was finally fulfilled in the hospital before he passed.

On the last nights in the hospital Christine barely left his side; sleeping with him in his hospital bed. A nurse came in and asked Doug "Oh who is this you have here?" and he proudly said with a huge smile "it's the love of my life!" A true mark of a man and his love! ('All you need is Love'- Beatle's) That's what he gave to all.

He is survived by his loving wife Christine Nixon; brother John Nixon (Barbara); son Robert (Enrica); son Jason; granddaughter Kylee; daughter Jennifer (Peter); grandson Samuel; granddaughters, Gianna and Teresa; daughter Candice (Andre); step daughter Carey (David); granddaughters Kura and Jayda; step daughter Kelly (Ross); grandson Kyran and granddaughter Tianna; and nieces and nephews.

We have lost a very special person and will hold close the fond memories we all had the privilege to share with Doug.

A Celebration of Life has been arranged for Sunday, April 9, 2017 from 1-4pm at 399 Head Street, Strathroy, Ontario.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ There is a poem entitled *Flying West* which would seem applicable to those infested with the aviation bug – air crew and ground crew.
I can hear lots of calls to Doug as he enters!

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Flying West

*I hope there's a place, way up in the sky,
Where pilots can go, when they have to die-
A place where a guy can go and buy a cold beer
For a friend and comrade, whose memory is dear;
A place where no doctor or lawyer can tread,
Nor management type would ere be caught dead;
Just a quaint little place, kinda dark and full of smoke,
Where they like to sing loud, and love a good joke;
The kind of place where a lady could go
And feel safe and protected, by the men she would know.*

*There must be a place where old pilots go,
When their pain is finished, and their airspeed gets low,
Where the whiskey is old, and the women are young,
And the songs about flying and dying are sung,
Where you'd see all the fellows who'd flown west before.
And they'd call out your name, as you came through the door;
Who would buy you a drink if your thirst should be bad,
And relate to the others, "He was quite a good lad!"*

*And then through the mist, you'd spot an old guy
You had not seen for years, though he taught you how to fly.
He'd nod his old head, and grin ear to ear.
And say, "Welcome, my son, I'm pleased that you're here.
"For this is the place where true flyers come,
"When the journey is over, and the war has been won
"They've come here to at last to be safe and alone
From the government clerk and the management clone,
"Politicians and lawyers, the Feds and the noise
Where the hours are happy, and these good ol' boys*

*"Can relax with a cool one, and a well-deserved rest;
"This is Heaven, my son -- you've passed your last test!"*

*author: Captain Michael J. Larkin
dedicated to: Captain E. Hamilton Lee*

Barry Jewell - April 08, 2017 at 09:39 PM

LD

“ *Fly west my good friend, I will always miss you. Lynn Davis*

Lynn Davis - April 07, 2017 at 01:04 PM

LD

“ *10 files added to the tribute wall*



Lynn Davis - April 07, 2017 at 12:59 PM

LD

These are a few memories from Lynn Davis's cottage at Papineau Lake.

Lynn Davis - April 08, 2017 at 12:46 PM

CA

These pictures are wonderful to see Lynn. It was always a memorable experience going to your cottage. Lovely seeing you at the celebration of life. Thank you for posting the pictures :). Love Candice Nixon

Candice - April 30, 2017 at 10:43 PM

BV

“ *Saddened to hear of the loss of Doug, sending our sincere condolences to the family. Bev and Garry vandervelde*

bev vandervelde - March 15, 2017 at 02:08 PM

AB

“ *Sincere condolences and prayers to the Nixon family. I will always remember him fondly. He was such a nice man with a great sense of humour. It was always fun to call Doug and find out what city he was in. He will be missed.*

Annette Burgess

Annette Burgess - March 06, 2017 at 09:22 AM

KH

“ *Sincere condolences for Doug's loved ones & my prayers for Comfort, Strength & Peace. Doug & I shared non stop laughter every time we flew together, which was quite often during 1990's. One flight into CFB Trenton was especially memorable, as we almost caused a military incident due uncontrollable laughter and unable to answer radio call ! But still the most professional aviator one could work along side !*

Kevin Hackett - March 06, 2017 at 07:05 AM

DB

“ *In reflecting on our fun trips to Florida, Mexico, Cuba and many happy times together:*

*The days are gone
That we used to share
But in our hearts
You will always be there
The gates of our memories
Will never close
We will miss you more
Than anyone knows*

Jan and Dave (Aunty and Uncle)

Dave and Jan Berry - March 05, 2017 at 10:14 AM

AM

“ *It is with sincere sorrow that we send condolences to all of Doug's family, especially Jason, Candice and Jennifer. Unfortunately, we did not get to know the other members of his immediate family. God bless you all and may Doug rest in peace. Alfred and Mercedes Aquilina*

Alfred and Mercedes - March 04, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ We are profoundly saddened to hear of the news of the passing of Douglas Nixon. We met at the 1988 airOntario family Christmas party. As I commuted to work from Abbotsford, I stayed with Doug and his family. I got to know his family almost as well as my own. From the times of jamming in the basement, vacationing at the Grand Canyon and celebrating his anniversary in January together are fondly remembered. Rest in peace.

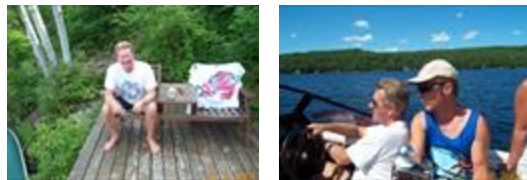
John and Fran Brunskill



John Brunskill - March 04, 2017 at 10:52 AM

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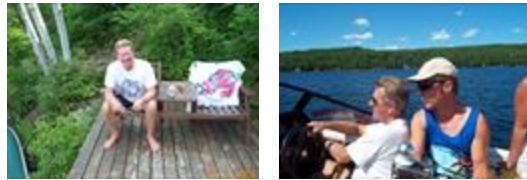
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Eric Schuldes - March 04, 2017 at 07:01 AM

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Eric Schuldes - March 04, 2017 at 07:00 AM

AR

“ Dear Christine, John & Barb,

Katie & I are saddened by the news of the loss of Doug. May God give you and your family the strength to deal with this terrible loss and the comfort to deal with your sorrow.

Over the past few years that we have got to know you, both of you have been welcoming, kind and generous, truly a genuine friendship. We look back at the wonderful time that we shared with both of you at CBYC, wonderful memories of the eve of the 'fireworks', the drinks, music and laughter that we shared on 'Mist Approach'.

Doug always had a smile on his face and was kind and generous, excellent sense of humour too. We were fascinated at CBYC with his ability to predict the weather right up to the last minute. He will be missed.

May God be with you.

Allan & Katie

Allan Ribeiro - March 03, 2017 at 05:58 PM

KS

“ *Such a feeling of profound sadness when we heard the news of Doug's passing. Christine and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Kay and Mike Shaw

kay shaw - March 03, 2017 at 04:53 PM

RW

“ *How do you say goodbye to a man who seemed part of your family? We will always remember our times together boating, the dinners, cards, songs and more. It is so hard to believe that he has gone before we could say our goodbyes.*

Doug had many little quirks. He taught us the importance of being on time. If we were to leave at 7:00 he would say 7:00ish. Then he would promptly show up more than a half an hour late. We were never sure what he was doing for all that time. Doug always had a story and a tune. But, it seemed on many occasions he had tuned out Chris.

But the one thing we knew for sure was Doug loved Chris and he was deeply devoted to her and their families.

We know Doug has left a little bit of himself in all of us. We hope that we will all remember Doug, the things he used to do to make us smile and that we find the strength to go on.

Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to Chris, Brother John and all their families.

Ruby & Brian Weber

Ruby & Brian Weber - March 02, 2017 at 07:36 PM

BR

“*Doug was a client of mine for almost 20 years. I may have only seen him every 2 months for a hair cut but he was always a pleasure to chat with. Always had a smile on his face. My condolences to Chris and all the family.*

Brenda Romanick

Brenda Romanick - March 02, 2017 at 01:17 PM

PJ

“*My deepest sympathies to Chris and family!*

I had the absolute privilege and pleasure to fly with Doug as his First Officer at Air Ontario / Jazz. He was always concerned about the well being of others, especially his Crew.

In the words of John Gillespie Magee Jr,

"You have slipped the surly bonds of earth, and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;.....trod the high untresspassed sanctity of space, put out your hand, and touch the face of God"

You will be missed my friend!

*P.J. Joseph
Westjet.*

PJ Joseph - March 02, 2017 at 09:52 AM

GC

“ On behalf of the Cambridge Model Aero Club I would like to express our sincere condolences to Chris and the whole Nixon family and friends.

Doug was an active member of our flying club. Basically we are a bunch of “old guys” flying toy airplanes. Doug was especially fun to be around at the club. We would kid him about his “Air Canada” landings. An Air Canada landing is one where you land before you get to the runway! It was all in good fun and Doug got a good laugh out of the friendly kibitzing.

We will miss him and Chris at the club. He was a great guy and always fun to be around.

Rest in peace Doug and watch out for the trees. Wherever you are flying now, don't forget to put your gear down.

From your friends at the Cambridge Flying Club

*Tom Waring
President.*

Greg Cook - March 02, 2017 at 09:47 AM

LD

“ My heart is so heavy with the news of your passing! You were such a great pleasure to share a flight deck with. I know you will find a great pub up there in Heaven for us all to join you at one day. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I know you will be their guardian angel.

(Previous Jazz CRJ FO) Lisa Davis 🌸❤️

Lisa Davis - March 02, 2017 at 09:44 AM

AM

“ I had the privilege of working with Doug for 26 years. He was always a sweet perfect gentleman and took time to stop for a chat when he saw me in the crew room. He loved his family very much. They were his pride and joy, and he was always proud to share how they were all doing. Doug was the perfect captain. He was very kind and considerate and his number one concern on the aircraft was the well being of his crew. We all knew to get a tea ready for Doug. My condolences goes out to his beloved family. You were his love and life and thanks to you, his legacy will continue forever. We have lost a brilliant star. May you Rest in Perfect Peace Doug!



Abena Mensah-Carr - March 02, 2017 at 09:05 AM

RH

“ Doug will surly be missed. I have many good memories of all the times we flew together. My thoughts and prayers go to his family and close friends. Bob and Donna Hall

robert hall - March 01, 2017 at 06:37 PM

DP

“ Captain Nixon, to us, was a wonderful man to all at Air Canada Jazz...He will me missed.
My condolences to his family.
Danielle Paulin
(Flight attendant)

Danielle Paulin - March 01, 2017 at 06:09 PM

KD

“*Doug was always such a class act to work with. Always smiling, always in a good mood. May thoughts go out to all his family and friends. He will be truly missed.*”



Krista Dlugosch - March 01, 2017 at 05:31 PM

BR

“*Sincere condolences to Chris, John, and Barb at this very sad time. Lots of Fifty Point memories!*
Bruce and Lynda Rodgers”

Bruce and Lynda Rodgers - March 01, 2017 at 05:04 PM

CP

“ I was a Flight Attendant with Jazz and flew with Doug for many years....I remember in particular for a 'work anniversary' we chose the same gift..a watch....every time I saw Doug he would come up to me and ask me what time was it as we looked to see if we were in sync!! What a shock to read of his passing....I just noticed last week pictures of him in hospital....I send MUCH LOVE to Christine and his children..I am SO SO SORRY for you all..he was far too young....

Doug is now on the jet flying in Heaven.....

A prayer for you all....

Best wishes

Claire Paruch YYZ FA

claire paruch - March 01, 2017 at 04:35 PM

CL

“ I only had the pleasure of meeting Doug a couple of times when he came with Christine to visit Kelly, Ross and the kids. However, as I read the words of his obituary I know the words to be true, "He always had a smile." I am glad to have met him and witness him as a loving husband, stepfather and grandfather. My thoughts and prayers are with those who were close to him.
Christina Lindsay, Calgary

Christina Lindsay - March 01, 2017 at 03:26 PM

JS

“ *A sad day indeed. Our deepest condolences to all the family.*

Jagdev 'Jack' Singh - March 01, 2017 at 03:05 PM

CL

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Christina Lindsay, Calgary

Christina Lindsay - March 01, 2017 at 02:52 PM

SO

“ *Doug was one of the gentlest man I had the privilege of knowing. He was always willing to pitch in and help regardless of the project. His smile lit the room even around the fire. You could tell how much he cherished Christine whether on the boat or on land. I will miss your smile most of all.* Sharon Ouderkirk

Sharon Ouderkirk - March 01, 2017 at 02:51 PM

CA

“ *One of my favourite memories.*



Candice - March 01, 2017 at 02:27 PM

Kelly
Carson-
Macdonald

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Kelly Carson-Macdonald - March 01, 2017 at 02:23 PM

CA

“ *Dad. You made me who I am today. Thank you for all your lessons and inspiration. I will always be your biggest fan, as I know you were mine. I will miss you for the rest of my life. Thank you for the memories. I will keep them close to my heart. Love you dad.*

Candice - March 01, 2017 at 02:15 PM

Kelly
Carson-
Macdonald

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Kelly Carson-Macdonald - March 01, 2017 at 02:13 PM

GM

“ We are deeply saddened hearing of the loss of Doug. Our hearts go out to you during this very sad time and may our prayers serve as comfort to you and your loved ones.

We hope that our Lord brings you and your family much needed comfort and peace during this truly sorrowful time. Our condolences to you and your family.
Gus and Suzanne Maurice



Gus and Suzanne Maurice - March 01, 2017 at 10:27 AM

JH

“ We have wonderful memories of time spent together both at FPYC where we spent time on our boats and danced to Doug's music and dressed up for Pirate Days and also during time spent during the winter at frequent dinner get-togethers.

I will smile when I remember the wild sailing adventure Doug and David had on our sailboat when they went out in big wind and had the boat heeled over so much they rubbed a hold in the brand new canvas on our boat, but they were having way too much fun!

I will also remember the kindness of both Doug and Chris during David's illness.

We can't believe Doug is no longer with us. We send our love and condolences to Chris and the Nixon family and their extended family and friends. We hope that your wonderful memories bring you comfort during the difficult days ahead.

This is a picture from one of our Commodore's Balls. Great memories.

David & Jayne Herring



Jayne Herring - March 01, 2017 at 09:54 AM

JE

“ One of Dad's favourite places... 50 point Marina.



Jennifer - March 01, 2017 at 09:45 AM

JE

“ I miss you more than words can express, Dad. I love you very much!

*Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Jennifer - March 01, 2017 at 08:57 AM

CN

“ Doug was the love of my life and i will miss his smile, his jokes, i will miss our amazing life together. ❤️ Love you and will never forget you. Your wife Christine.

christine nixon - February 28, 2017 at 08:54 PM

BM

“ A wonderful memory we have of Doug and Christine was their visit with Gord and Leslie in Florida two years ago. They were here for four days and we packed in ten days of fun into four. What a great time! So glad we had the opportunity to do it.

Betty Lou and Brian Munro - February 28, 2017 at 07:56 PM