



Mr. John David Schultz

November 11, 2012

July 2, 1934 - November 11, 2012

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that John passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 4:13 pm. John's passing is indeed the end of an era and a legendary career not only in the helicopter industry and in the air show world but to all who knew and loved him. John was a character and definitely one of a kind with a sense of humour that never left him right up to the end. John has taken this final flight that will leave an ache in our hearts forever, but also a smile at all the memories he left us with to cherish. Please join us in a celebration of the life and times of John Schultz to be held on November, 30th, 2012 from 2:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at the Newmarket Veteran's Hall, 406 Millard Street, Newmarket, Ontario. Please join us. Donations in memory of John Schultz and family can be made to Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation – the website is [www.southlakefoundation .ca](http://www.southlakefoundation.ca)
Thank you.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *To All : On behalf of myself, the children, grandchildren and family, thank you so much for the wonderful turn out on Friday, November 30th in memory of John - there were upwards of 400 guests and it was exactly what John had always told me his send off should be like, laughter, some tears and the sharing of so many old stories and times. So thank you everyone.*

Sincerely, Donna, Karen, David, Steven & Joey

Donna Schultz - December 03, 2012 at 09:11 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Day lit a candle in memory of Mr. John David Schultz*



Debbie Day - December 01, 2012 at 01:22 PM

DT

“ To Donna and the Schultz family, my sincere condolences for your loss.

I've had the pleasure to have experienced the enjoyment of John's acquaintance over the years of my flying and business career. Although our encounters were occasional and infrequent, John's reception was always warm and friendly, keeping me honest with his challenging wit and wry humour. I will always be appreciative of his keen interest and enthusiastic support and encouragement.

John was a part of the great generation and era of helicopter aviation, and I feel privileged to have known him.

David Tommasini

David Tommasini - November 29, 2012 at 12:07 PM

AB

“ Donna and family - may the memories help you get through this difficult time. Take care.

Annette Baker

Annette Baker - November 28, 2012 at 09:58 AM

“ Donna and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. It is unfortunate that we are unable to be in Newmarket to celebrate the memorial for John.

Remembering Schultz!

After a 5 year stint with Liftair in Calgary, I returned to my roots in Ontario and a job at Ranger Lake Helicopters in Sault Ste Marie, where now and again, I would hear rumours of the infamous John Schultz. My first recollection of meeting John, was when Matt Millar and I were at a MNR retirement dinner in the Soo.

John was asked to speak that night and it was easy to see that most there knew and admired John, who had spent a good part of his career flying Hughes 500`s in support of fire fighting activities. John is not only remembered as an excellent pilot but a great entertainer and story teller.

Later that year, I was working fires out of Thunder Bay with about 6 or 8 other Operators. One morning we were all gathered around the machines killing time on yellow alert when my new designated crew arrived. We spoke for awhile getting to know each other and one of the younger fellows said to me, “We are kind of glad to be working with a new pilot for a while.” I said “And why would that be?” The young firefighter said – “We just can’t keep up with that other pilot at night and try to work all day for much longer”. I said – “and who would that other pilot be?” They pointed over to a Hughes 500, and this tall dark haired pilot, wearing the ever present cap, holding court to a group of firefighters across the field. I said “Oh, that would be John Schultz!”

John and I became friends through various flying or Company meeting activities over the years and through his association with long time friend Jack Fleming, another of our well respected early helicopter pioneers.

John loved aviation and entertained his friends by telling his stories for as long as you would listen to him.

*Bette and I enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon and evening with John and Donna this summer listening to one last story, at Katherine Millar's wedding. The highlight of the night was being escorted home by The Schultz's to our hotel.
John was DD that night!*

*You are in our thoughts today, & always,
Your friends, Rick and Bette Kirkwood*

Rick & Bette Kirkwood - November 27, 2012 at 12:46 PM

RK

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Rick & Bette Kirkwood - November 27, 2012 at 12:42 PM

NA

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Neil Ayers - November 27, 2012 at 08:06 AM

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Neil Ayers - November 23, 2012 at 07:44 PM

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Neil Ayers - November 23, 2012 at 08:17 AM



this is 1979 - John, Donna and Gord Stapleton

Donna Schultz - November 23, 2012 at 12:27 PM

JW

“ *My sincere condolences to John's family and friends. I'm sure there are many helicopter pilots like me, who heard stories about John long before meeting him. The first time I "saw" him, it was from afar as he thrilled the crowd at the CNE air show, I was just a spectator in the audience, but I was a newly trained helicopter pilot at the time and I was left amazed at his skill, adding to the legend created by stories I already had heard. Then I met John years later, when we both worked for the same operator for a couple of years, and I was so pleasantly surprised at his kind, open and at times unassuming nature. Yes, he was most definitely a character but he was someone you always wished to spend more time with. John was a living legend and he will live on in all who knew him. Rest In Peace, John.*

Jim Whately

Jim Whately - November 16, 2012 at 11:37 PM

DS

“ THIS MAN WAS BORN TO FLY”

ON JULY THE 2ND, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOUR
A LADY NAMED HELEN A SON DID “BORE”

HE WASN'T TOO BIG, JUST 2 POUNDS, THAT'S ALL
BUT OH ONE DAY, HE WOULD BE EVER SO TALL!

AS LIFE BEGAN, HE GREW STRAIGHT AND LEAN
WITH GENTLE BROWN EYES, NOT A TRACE OF MEAN

WITH A TALENT WITHIN, SOON TO EMERGE
OF A BRILLIANT CAREER, HE WAS ON THE VERGE.

YOU SEE THIS MAN, WOULD MAKE ALL OF US PROUD,
FOR THE NEXT 78 YEARS, AT HOME IN THE CLOUDS.

SO TALENTED HE IS, AS IF HE HAS WINGS
IT'S WITH RHYTHM HE FLIES, MAKES THE AIRCRAFT SING!

THERE WERE BELL AND HUGHES, SIKORSKY OF LATE
WHATEVER THE TYPE, HE FLIES THEM ALL GREAT.

NEVER TOO PROUD, EVEN HUMBLE AT TIMES.
WHEN A SMALL AIRSHOW FAN, SAYS “PLEASE CAN YOU
SIGN”

AS THE YEARS HAVE PAST, HOW MANY HE'S SHOWN
YOU'LL BE SAFE AND EXACT, BEFORE YOU FLY ALONE.

THE AIR AMBULANCE HE SAYS IS A WAY TO “WIND DOWN”
12 HOURS SHIFTS, HAS BROUGHT THE ODD LITTLE FROWN.

SO MANY MEMORIES AND STORIES TO SHARE,
THE FRIENDS HE HAS MADE, ARE BEYOND COMPARE.

*AS THE YEARS HAVE PASSED AND TIME TOO HAS FLOWN,
NO GREATER PILOT IN MY LIFE, HAVE I EVER KNOWN.*

Love Donna

Donna Schultz - November 16, 2012 at 09:55 AM

DB

“ *I did not know that our friend John has passed on, one of the helicopter legends of our time. I can only say that when I knew that Schultz was going to be at any function or gathering, I looked forward to spending time with him. A true prince of a man! He brought pleasure with him to any occasion and I can truly say I never saw him in any mood except a good one, great fun to be around all the time, all this and he hit a good ball too!*

I regret that I cannot be with you all as I will be in Florida at that time. Please pass on my deepest sympathy to Donna and his family at this very sad news.

With my best regards,

Dave (Blackie) Blackburn

David Blackburn - November 15, 2012 at 01:15 PM

DB

“ *Uncle John was always part of our family. He was one of my dad's best friends as a teenager and always stayed in touch even though we left Canada. There are too many memories. From my child view it was the helicopter rides, our parents wild parties, and John's laugh. He always had great stories and could amuse any crowd! My deepest sympathy to all the family. He will be missed...*

Love, Debbie Barrows

Debbie Barrows - November 15, 2012 at 08:40 AM

CH

*I have 62 years of memories. I miss you
Carol - Movember 22nd*

Carol Hagerman - November 22, 2012 at 01:02 PM

LC

“ *We will truly miss your visits around the ball diamond and will miss your great sense of humour. Raises a beer to you.....RIP John.*

Marty, Cindy and family.....xoxo

Lucinda Chefero - November 14, 2012 at 12:49 PM

RT

“ *If there was ever a man that could make you laugh it was John. He was never without a joke. John always had time to say hi and share some of his humorous stories to the guys on the hanger floor. A true loss to the aviation community. You will be missed. Deepest condolences to Donna and the Schultz family*

Rob Tapper

Rob Tapper - November 14, 2012 at 12:23 PM



“ *Donna and Shultz Family*

My sincere condolences to Donna and the Shultz family. Although I only knew John as an aviation acquaintance, his passion for the Aviation Industry was truly apparent.

Luc Pilon

Luc Pilon - November 14, 2012 at 10:09 AM

AG

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Alex Gontier - November 14, 2012 at 09:22 AM

KH

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Karen Halifax - November 13, 2012 at 07:18 PM

JC

“ I am sure that at one time or another you have all been sitting with a group of people who are discussing a certain individual. I know that I have.

The subject individual was obviously very highly regarded and considered to be someone that was a priveledge to know and with whom to be associated.

The stories seemed endless and absolutely sincere.

The problem was that YOU did not know him or her . Accordingly you felt a bit left out and maybe cheated for not knowing this person who was held in such high esteem.

My personal tribute is very simple: I was NOT cheated nor will I feel left out.

I can very PROUDLY say, that I too, knew John Schultz !

RIP John

With fondest regards

Jim Carnegie



Jim Carnegie - November 13, 2012 at 07:10 PM

DM

“ *The Shultz Family,*

I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Donna and the Shultz family.

John's passing has left a sincere void in our industry and we will all miss his wonderful sense of humour and funny flying tales of woe. For most people, the CNE Airshow was all about F16s, Concordes, SR 71s, B52 Bombers and the Blue Angels, but for me it was about two funny guys (John & Gordie Stapleton) dressed in baggy powder blue flight suits, entertaining all of the CNE airshow pilots in their morning briefings. It was like a scene from the Blues Brothers. These two would have the whole room on the floor laughing and to see Blue Angel pilots crying with laughter was pretty special to see. John could entertain just about anyone, including the most serious of pilots.

John always had time to say hello and would take the time to chat with anyone about helicopters. He was very passionate about flying and we are truly going to miss him.

Dan Munro

Dan Munro - November 13, 2012 at 02:51 PM

KH

“ Donna & the Schultz Family,

I was very sad to hear of John's passing. My first memory of John was when he and my father took us for a helicopter ride over Toronto when I was about 3-4yrs old. There were many more memories after that from Toronto to Carleton Place as well as the many airshows we attended. As Donna had mentioned in her message to me, my favourite memory of John was his favourite of me. It was back when Mom & Dad still lived in Ottawa. It was a Friday evening and John had come over for drinks, dinner and a swim. I had just finished getting ready to head out for the evening with friends and he pushed me in the pool. It was payback for a gag Christmas gift the year before. He got me good. I will always remember him fondly and those memories always bring a smile to my face. My sincere condolences to the entire family. My heart goes out to you during this difficult time.

Karen Halifax

Karen Halifax - November 13, 2012 at 10:06 AM