



Daniel C. Cork Sr.

December 11, 1928 - February 17, 2014

Daniel C Cork Sr of Owasso, Oklahoma, went to be with his Lord on 17th, February, 2014. After a long and adventurous life. His Son, Dan Jr, Daughter in Law Jeannie, Grand Kids Kelly & Danny were at his side.

Daniel Charles Cork Sr. Was born Dec 11, 1928 in Portland but moved as an infant to Corvallis, where he will be laid to rest along with his mother, grandmother & sister, in Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Daniel attended Corvallis High School and from there he joined the United States navy in 1945 where he served on the USS St. Paul Heavy Cruiser (CA-73) in 1947 after leaving the navy with an honorable discharge he began a long adventurous career in aviation. He married Lois Elaine Norton with whom he had two daughters (Marlene & Cynthia) and a son (Danny Jr.) with.

He has held many different positions with a host of many companies as he climbed the latter to success in the aviation field. A&E (A&P), Flight Engineer, Shop Foreman & Pilot are just a few of the positions. Certificates he has earned are: Airframe & Power Plant, Inspection Authorization, Flight Engineer, Commercial pilot with Multi Engine & instrument Ratings, Hot Air Balloon rating and type rating in DC-8 & Boeing 747.

Over the course of his aviation career he completely restored 2 aircraft from

the ground up. A Stinson 108 and a Piper Tri-Pacer. After his retirement he built an experimental aircraft from scratch. A Pete N Pole Air Camper which he also test flew.

The most prestige's part of his career had to be the 26 + years with Flying Tigers. He started his Career with Tigers as a flight engineer on the Constellation (A 4 Radial Engine Aircraft) from there it was flight engineer on the CL 44 (a 4 Jet Engine Turbo Prop aircraft). He then earned a right seat (First Officer) on the DC-8 (a 4 Jet Engine aircraft) then earned a left seat (Captain) in the same aircraft and topped off his Career for Tigers in the Left seat (Captain) in the Boeing 747 aircraft. During this part of his career he flew Military personnel and just about any kind of cargo you can think off all over the world. Dan was also recognized by the US Air Force for his participation of completing 43 Contract Airlift Logistical Support Missions for the Military Airlift Command within the Republic of South Vietnam from 1965 to 1968.

He has always been respected & considered by his close friends & family as a top notch mechanic, pilot and very generous man giving to family, friends and numerous charity organizations including donating his Piper Tri-pacer to the Wings Of Hope.

He is survived by his Sister Helen, daughter Cynthia, son Daniel Jr., 9 grandchildren, & host of great grandchildren.

In his final year of life he officially accepted the lord as his savior and said he was looking forward to seeing his daughter (Marlene (Kathy)) sister (Betty) & mother (Winifred May Cork) again in heaven.

Grave Side Inurnment will be at 11:00 am, Saturday April 5th,2014 at Crystal Lake Cemetery in Corvallis Or.

Previous Events

Inurnment

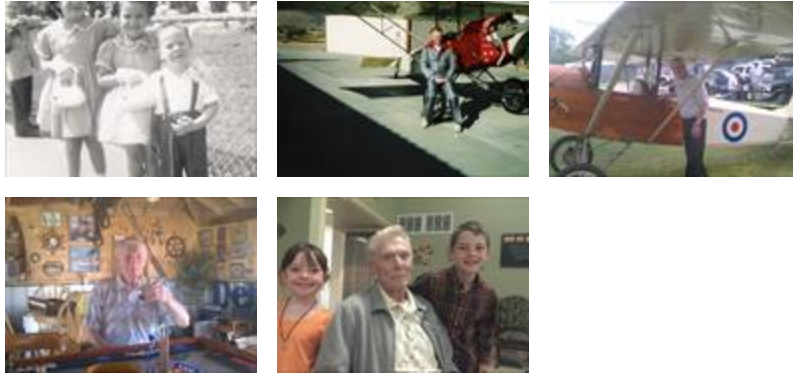
APR 5. 11:00 AM (PT)

Crystal Lake Cemetery
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Daniel Cork Jr - February 17, 2015 at 10:51 AM

DJ

“ Hey Pops, It's been a year since you went to be with the Lord. I have tried to live my life this past year the way you lived yours by making a difference in peoples lives. I hope someday I will be worthy to join you in heaven. Miss you more then you can imagine!

Daniel Cork Jr - February 17, 2015 at 10:47 AM

BH

My husband worked with your father at Flying Tigers for many years. They went to many training classes together for many different aircrafts.. my husband retired after 30 years of service in 1987, also as a 747 captain. He was very fond of your father and always spoke highly of him. Ray passed in Oct. 2014. Sorry for your loss, Rip Dan 🙏

barbara Hopcus - January 16, 2019 at 06:28 PM

PO

*I was fortunate to grow up with the Cork Family in West Long Beach. "Danny" Jr. and I played together on Lincoln St. Dan Sr was a true adventurer and loved flying and working on his "Piper" which he built by hand- always had fun times with the Cork Family - those times have past but I'll never forget Lincoln St and the joy it brought me as a boy
RIP Dan Sr.
"Burkie"*

patrick burke osullivan - December 05, 2023 at 11:16 PM

DJ

“ Daniel Cork Jr lit a candle in memory of Daniel C. Cork Sr.



Daniel Cork Jr - February 17, 2015 at 09:58 AM

JC

“ Tomorrow will be the 1 year anniversary since you left us. I think about you everyday. What a blessing it was to have you here with us even for a short time. I would do it all again if given the chance. I think about you sometimes when i drive past Braums...oh how you loved their ice cream bars. I remember how you loved going to Cracker Barrel for breakfast. You loved that more! So many memories in such a short time. Loved having for a father-in-law. You were always so sweet to me. Thanks for being part of my life and raising such a wonderful son. I promise I will cherish him always. I'm hoping we will meet again. I will keep the faith! love you always
Jeannie

jeannie cork - February 16, 2015 at 09:29 AM

 Daniel
Cork

“ Hope you are keeping everyone straight up there. Sure do miss our conversations about you know what. ha ha...

I love you and miss you. I am so blessed that I had you as a grandfather. One day we will share some chocolate pie and laughs again.

Love you with all my heart.

Daniel Christopher Cork

Daniel Cork - January 18, 2015 at 10:53 PM

KE

“ I love and miss you everyday Grandpa! I'm so thankful my kids and I got to spend the last few months with you and got to listen to your stories. You were strong, proud and will never be forgotten. You are always in our hearts.

Kelly - October 07, 2014 at 05:01 PM

JD

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Uncle Dan and I miss talking to him on the phone. He had interesting stories about his career, had a good sense of humor but I feel he especially was known for his big heart and how he would help anyone. My Mom - Uncle Dan's sister adored him and especially looked forward to talking to him at least weekly on the phone. She loved it when he came to visit her, though not often enough. Talking to Uncle Dan, he was really lost when my Mom passed away so we talked often instead. May he rest in peace and be with his Mom and sister.

Joan Durgin - October 06, 2014 at 10:47 PM

JM

“ Uncle Dan - You were always my cool, fun uncle. When I was little every time I'd hear a plane go over I'd assume it was you and I'd look to see if you were tipping your wings at me. I still always look at passing planes but I know now they aren't all you. I'm sure you're up there somewhere though, tipping your wings to all of your loved ones down here and teasing my mom. I always wanted a brother like you were to my mom. I miss you and I'll always remember you and you're wonderful personality. Love, Bubbles (Joyce)

Joyce Martinez - October 06, 2014 at 07:08 PM

DJ

“ My Dad was my ICON and I miss him every day! I'd like to share his eulogy with his friends! Please visit this utube video. Please keep in mind it was very windy that day and some parts are hard to hear. Please Enjoy!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bwL_mnwqC0&list=UUZpu9rRB0qbuixtlSkI6VA

Daniel Cork Jr - September 18, 2014 at 01:24 PM

KE

The eulogy was a fantastic tribute! Your dad would be very proud.

Kelly - October 07, 2014 at 04:59 PM

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“ Out of the 4 years that I worked as a cna daniel cork has been the only one that I had got attached to you couldn't help but to love him. He was stubborn I will say that but deep in side he was a very caring loving person wanted nothing but the best for people didn't no him very long but the last few months that I got to spend with him as a caregiver I enjoyed ever minute of it. We had a bond that I really miss he always called me grandpa even though he was the oldest and every Friday he always to me to be good and hurry back for Monday miss you more than you ever no pop's

orlando deboes - March 12, 2014 at 06:27 PM

BH

“ That's a great photo of Danny. He was a true gentleman to fly with. His sense of humor made those long, all night flights so much less stressful. His relaxed professionalism made the rest of us better pilots. I will miss him. God Bless. Capt. Bill Heaphy, FTL Ret.

Bill Heaphy - March 05, 2014 at 05:05 PM