



Robert (Bob) Lawton Akin

March 17, 1937 - October 12, 2005

Capt. Robert Akin, age 68 of Roswell, died October 12, 2005 at Emory University Hospital. Capt. Akin was born in Geneva, Georgia. He began his career with Piedmont Airlines in 1967 on the B-727. During his career, he flew the M-404, F-227, YS-11, B-737 and B-767 and instructed on the YS-11 and B-767. After retirement, Cpt. Akin worked with Delta as a contract instructor on the 767 until retirement in July of this year. Surviving are his wife, Babs Akin of Roswell; brother, Herman S. Akin, Jr. of Columbus, GA.; several nieces and nephews. Bob will be remembered as a dedicated professional and airman, but most of all being a good friend. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2005 at 2:00 PM in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow in Green Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bob's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society. The family will receive friends on Sunday from 12 noon until the hour of service at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell/Alpharetta, 770-645-1414.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Service

OCT **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert (Bob) Lawton Akin*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Bob was a very special person. I know that he was loved by his family, especially his oldest brother, Herman. Herman always had numerous stories to tell us about their childhood. I feel the pain that Babs is experiencing. I know she loved him deeply and we pray for her.##imported-begin##Dianne Akin##imported-end##*

October 31, 2005 at 10:27 PM



“ *Dear Babs, I am so sorry about Bob. I can still smell his cherry flavored pipe tobacco after he'd left the cockpit or a hotel room. You always knew Bob was around with that pipe tobacco. I think of him every time I smell that cherry flavored tobacco!!
You're in our thoughts and prayers.
Judy Steel##imported-begin##Judy Steel##imported-end##*

October 27, 2005 at 09:55 PM



“ *Bob was a wonderful captain and a delight to work with. My sympathy and prayers go out to his family. He will be sadly missed, especially by all his Piedmont family.##imported-begin##Judy Andreas##imported-end##*

October 19, 2005 at 10:29 AM



“ *Bob, was always a pleasure to fly with. The one thing that stands out in my mind is he liked to fly fish. If you ever mentioned fly fishing, you could keep him going for several minutes. He will be sadly missed by all.##imported-begin##Gayle Oliver Britt##imported-end##*

October 18, 2005 at 07:34 PM



“ *Babs, I'm sorry for your loss seems so small to say. For Bob to have had such long legs he sure did walk slow. It want take forever to catch him. He is going to be missed my many, many people. I just wish ther were more men like Bob Akin. What a gem!!! My prayer are with you. Lori and Grant##imported-begin##Lori Norman##imported-end##*

October 18, 2005 at 10:43 AM



“ *DEAR BABS
SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT BOB. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ALL THE GREAT TIMES WE HAD WHEN WE FIRST STARTED FLYING AND WHAT A NICE GUY HE WAS TO WORK WITH. I WILL BE THINKING OF YOU AND WISHING YOU THE BEST DURING YOUR TIME OF LOSS.*

JUDY VALESKY##imported-begin##judy valesky##imported-end##

October 17, 2005 at 08:39 PM



“ to the family of Capt Bob Akin our deepest sympathy. He was the ultimate professional and finest gentlemen.##imported-begin##JimandSuzanne Garry##imported-end##

October 17, 2005 at 01:29 PM



“ On a beautiful clear day at 40,000 ft., Bob once let me climb all over the cockpit of a 757 for 10 minutes taking photos of the Grand Canyon, even banking the plane so I could get the prime shots. They remain the best pictures I have of the canyon, and I'll never forget Bob's kindness and professionalism.

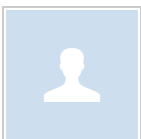
Bob Banner, F/A US Airways##imported-begin##Bob Banner##imported-end##

October 17, 2005 at 12:11 PM



“ bob was a wonderfull person and a good friend that will be mised by all who had the good fortune to know him##imported-begin##capt sam s toler ll##imported-end##

October 17, 2005 at 10:54 AM



“ Words cannot express the sorrow we feel for your loss. Bob was a "gentle giant" who loved three things above all others: Babs, flying and fishing. It breaks my heart not to be with you today, but our thoughts and prayers are there. Please call if you need anything and when you are ready to visit, we will be here.##imported-begin##Diana & David Schipper and Bryan Metcalf##imported-end##

October 16, 2005 at 03:06 PM



“ Dear Babs,
It's hard to say "so long" when one of "Piedmont's finest" finds the "perfect place to fly". I'll always hold happy memories of Bob. He helped put Piedmont in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely, Nelson & Sherry##imported-begin##Nelson & Sherry Eskey##imported-end##

October 16, 2005 at 02:29 PM



“ Babs, I was truly sorry to hear of your tremendous loss. I have not seen Bob since his retirement, but remember him as a quiet man of strength and one whose presence commanded respect. May the support of your many friends help to ease the pain of your loss.
Beth##imported-begin##Beth Diddle##imported-end##

October 16, 2005 at 01:58 PM



“ Dear Babs --- I am so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Please know that you both are in my thoughts and prayers. I first met Bob when he was an FE on the 727 and got to know him even better as the years went by. I will always value his friendship, and admire his professionalism. Rest in peace, good friend.##imported-begin##Rick Miller##imported-end##

October 16, 2005 at 12:16 AM



“ bob set the standard, none better##imported-begin##wally pafford##imported-end##

October 15, 2005 at 11:33 PM



“ Dearest Babs and family, I am so sorry to learn of this loss. I am sure you do not remember me but I flew with your husband and you quite a bit. God bless you and send you comfort.##imported-begin##jeanette mcnulty scholes(retiredPai F/A) ILM, DCA, BWI. C:T##imported-end##

October 15, 2005 at 04:25 PM



“ Babs, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband. I know what joy and happiness he brought to your life. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jon Tamayo##imported-end##

October 15, 2005 at 02:14 PM



“ *Babs, Kim and I are deeply saddened to hear about Bob. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with you. May your loving memories bring you comfort during this difficult time. Just over twenty four years ago Bob was my first Captain on my very first flight as a new hire First Officer. A continuous on duty trip ATL-ILM-ATL. I don't know if I was more nervous or excited. Bob's mere presence during that first trip soon put me at ease. I was in the presence of a true gentleman, an inspiring professional, and a gifted pilot. When Bob entered a room, people looked up; when Bob spoke, people listened; when Bob commanded something, people responded; and when Bob lit up his pipe with that sweet calming aroma we all relaxed and knew things were good. He set the standard all of us could only hope to achieve. The skies are full of cockpit crews flying around today with the knowledge and wisdom that Bob shared with us. I am blessed and greatly thankful that Bob touched my life. The skies are clear, the winds are calm. Fly West my friend. Peace be with you and Babs.##imported-begin##Jeff Tarr##imported-end##*

October 15, 2005 at 01:14 PM



“ *Dear Babs and Family
I am very sorry to hear about the loss
of your husband.
Please except my deepest sympathy
You'll be in my prayer
Ulla Bucko##imported-begin##Ulla Bucko##imported-end##*

October 15, 2005 at 11:18 AM



“ *Babs and family, I am so saddened today to hear of Bob's passing. My thought and prayers are with you. Love you, Evie*###imported-begin###*evelyn thornton*###imported-end##

October 15, 2005 at 10:38 AM



“ *Dear Capt. Bob & Babs,*

Your brothers and sisters will miss you and rest assured we will embrace Babs in our prayers and everyday life. Until we all meet again brother...###imported-begin###*Piedmont Silver Eagles*###imported-end##

October 15, 2005 at 03:33 AM



“ *Good citizen, loyal friend, disciplined aviator and always the consummate gentleman. Just the best.*###imported-begin###*Greg Gibson*###imported-end##

October 15, 2005 at 12:50 AM



“ *Bob was a good friend. We had many great times fishing for trout in the streams of North Georgia and also while flying. He was truly a caring person and I will always remember him as a true friend who loved my family and also as a professional at all times. Babs, our thoughts are with you.*###imported-begin###*Tory and Julie Vaughan*###imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 10:05 PM



“ Bob, you gave me my type rating in the 767. You were a gentleman and one of the best check airmen I ever had the privilege to work with. Rest in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Bob MacFarlane##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 06:22 PM



“ Dear Babs, So very sorry for your loss. I hope time will help, along with friends and family. Bob was one of the very best with which to fly. I always considered him one of the very "good guys". All the best to you,
Sincerely, Maxie##imported-begin##Maxie (Slack) Brien##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 11:57 AM



“ To Babs and Bob's family, I extend my most profound condolences. Bob was one of the finest in his profession. He certainly had the "Right Stuff". When I checked out as Captain on the YS-11, Bob provided me with a wealth of information to make the transition less stressful. I was honored to work with Bob in the B767 Training Department. Bob will always be remembered as a gentleman with a most pleasant personality, and a credit to the profession. I cherish the memories of our friendship. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Jimmy Powers##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 11:49 AM



“ Dear Babs,

So sorry to hear the news. Although we will not be able to attend the services we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

I never flew with Bob, but to me he was always a perfect, personable, quiet, unassuming gentleman. Liked by everyone. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. God Bless.

Dick and Paula Curtis##imported-begin##Richard and Paula Curtis##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 11:20 AM



“ *I'll always remember Bob as one of the best and most professional pilots ever.*

I flew co-pilot for Bob on many FH-227 & YS-11 trips from the ATL base during the 70's. What a great guy to fly with!

He will be greatly missed by all!##imported-begin##Tom Hutchins##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 09:26 AM



“ *Bob... thank you for making our early days at Piedmont memorable. You did make a difference in our lives.##imported-begin##C.A. "Chuck" Cannaday##imported-end##*

October 14, 2005 at 08:52 AM



“ Dear Babs: I am so sorry to hear about Bob. He was a professional in every way and really knew how to look out for his crew. Deepest sympathies.

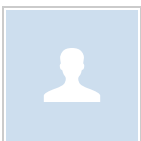
Tricia Staton##imported-begin##Tricia LaGarde Staton##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 08:39 AM



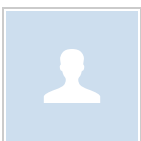
“ Dear Babs, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of your "best friend and love of your life." Know that many of us are praying for you and the rest of your family. I remember you both as two of the most professional, kind, and sincere people we could ever hope to know. Bob truly made a mark on the hearts of those He knew. During this time, know that the Lord Jesus sees your tears and is there to comfort you, as no one else can! God bless you and your family, Karen M. Graves (ORF/CIT)##imported-begin##Karen M. Graves##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 08:17 AM



“ Dear Babs, I am so sorry for your loss. Leslie##imported-begin##Leslie Miller##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 08:01 AM



“ Dear Babs, Although I never knew Bob that well, I know what a special person he must have been to have had such a loving, caring and devoted wife as you. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and to Bob's family.##imported-begin##Mark Smith##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 06:11 AM



“ Bob was one of the best. Till we meet again my friend##imported-begin##Roger Flenniken##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 12:48 AM



“ Babs,
I just feel blessed that Jim Bradley hired us to be classmates in 69E.
You have always been a lady and a good friend.
I will miss Bob ...but now that we will see him again.
Gene and I share your sorrow...we will see you Sunday.##imported-begin##Pauline Thomas (Fletcher)##imported-end##

October 14, 2005 at 12:28 AM



“ Bob was always a real gentleman, & the steadiest & most professional of aviators. It's been an awful lot of years, but we still treasure the trips flown together with him.##imported-begin##Bob & Vicki Merritt##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 11:39 PM



“ Babs, Words cannot express the sorrow I feel for you right now. Even though our paths have taken different directions though our retirements, I think of you often and of all the good times we shared at work. I'm so very sorry to hear about Bob. He was one of the best and I always looked forward to my trips with him. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you now.##imported-begin##Rachel Mitchell##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 10:37 PM



“ To my dearest and best friend Babs. When I see you hurt, I hurt for you. When I see you cry, I want to cry with you. When I see you at a loss for words to say I will be there to help you express your thoughts. However when I see that you have lost your soulmate I can only remind you that you will find each other again as you always have. LOL Forever, Janice###imported-begin##Janice D. Gardner###imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 09:36 PM



“ I flew with Bob soon after arriving at Piedmont from Braniff. He was the true gentleman and made me feel right at home. When my mother was diagnosed with cancer he shared his own private story about the same cancer. I will always remember and appreciate his concern and caring. Thanks Bob! My best to all his family. He will always be remembered.
Russ###imported-begin##Harold "Russ" Russell###imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 09:08 PM



“ Dear friend we will miss our good times together, Babs we love you and will be there for you, the Lord gives comfort in times of sorrow. Marlene and Bob Leeds###imported-begin##Marlene Leeds###imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 08:19 PM



“ Babs, I am truly saddened by your loss of Bob. He was a fine man as well as a real professional pilot. He will be missed.###imported-begin##Capt. Lawrence (Hollywood) Edwards###imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 08:07 PM



“ Fly west Bob, may the winds be at your back and the skys be clear.##imported-begin##Tony Garofalo##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 07:35 PM



“ My deepest condolences, Babs. Bob was a wonderful man; I had great respect for him. May the combined strength of all who care help support you during this time.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Thomas##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 07:13 PM



“ We are all diminished by Captain Akin's passing. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Captain Tom Davis (AAA)##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 06:30 PM



“ We are all diminished by Captain Lawton's passing. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Captain Tom Davis (AAA)##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 06:27 PM



“ ALL THE SUPERLATIVES APPLY TO BOB AKIN--- A FINE AVIATOR, A TRUE GENTLEMAN, JUST THE BEST!!! IT WAS ALWAYS A JOY TO SEE AND FLY WITH HIM.##imported-begin##EDWARD G. WADE##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 06:23 PM



“ *Please be blessed by the Lord that he sends us no burdens that he can not help us with. Bob will be missed by lots of his fellow flight crews.*

Peace be with you,##imported-begin##Dawn Hodges##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 06:20 PM



“ *To Bob's family and to Babs,*

I am saddened to hear of Bob's passing. He was a true professional and a genuine role model for an Airline Pilot. I send my sympathy and good will to all of you.##imported-begin##Gerry Milburn##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 06:06 PM



“ *Babs, I am so sorry for your loss. Bob was always a pleasure to fly with. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Diane Hatzenbuhler Harford##imported-begin##Diane Hatzenbuhler Harford##imported-end##*

October 13, 2005 at 06:02 PM



“ Dear Babs,
I am deeply saddened by our loss. I write this knowing that your loss is the greatest. Having had this sad experience within the past 4 years, I certainly know of your grief. I cannot say enough nice things about Bob - where would I start. A true professional and wonderful friend, we all will miss him very much.
In Loving and everlasting friendship,
Woody###imported-begin##Woody Wood###imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 06:02 PM



“ Bob was the unltimate professional and gentleman. We will miss him.###imported-begin##Lex and Janie Fisher###imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 05:08 PM



“ Babs...Sorry about your loss, It is with certitude that I can tell you Bob was "one of the best".###imported-begin##Elmo Torres###imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 05:00 PM



“ Enjoyed our trips together. PPitts###imported-begin##Captain Philip pitts###imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 04:39 PM



“ Bob was a gentleman with a fine mind and sharp wit. I will always have fond memories of him.###imported-begin##George Arkebauer###imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 04:39 PM



“ Farewell old friend.##imported-begin##Capt. Phil Skeen##imported-end##

October 13, 2005 at 04:37 PM