



Mr. Robert A. Hillegas

October 22, 1947 - February 13, 2015

Robert Alan “Bob” Hillegas, age 67, of Roswell, Georgia, passed away on Friday, February 13, 2015. Bob was born in Akron, Ohio on October 22, 1947 to the late Russell and Zella (Hensal) Hillegas. Bob graduated from Buchtel High School in 1966, attended Miami of Ohio for 2 years and transferred to Kent State where he graduated with an Aeronautic Degree in Aviation. He received his Commission into the Air Force in 1971 and attended Flight School at Craig Air Force Base in Selma, Alabama. He was stationed at Norton Air Force Base where he flew the C141 and was involved in Operation Baby Lift, which involved evacuating children orphaned by the Vietnam War, and the evacuation of Saigon prior to the invasion of the North Vietnamese. Bob was hired by Delta Air Lines in 1977 and retired in 2005 as an International Captain on the 777. He loved playing golf and was a member of the North Fulton Master Gardner program. Bob is survived by his wife of 42 years, Cathy (McMillan) Hillegas of Roswell, Georgia; his two daughters and their husbands, Jeremy and Annie Hitt of Savannah, Georgia, and Steven and Jessie Henry of Augusta, Georgia; and brothers Jon (Marge) Hillegas of Phoenix, Arizona, Jim (Carol) Hillegas of Asheville, North Carolina, and Dick (Ginny) Hillegas of East Aurora, New York.

There will be a visitation on Monday, February 16 from 4pm - 6pm at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road Roswell, Georgia. The funeral will be on Tuesday, February 17 at 11am, at the Chapel at Roswell United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Roswell

United Methodist Church Foundation, 814 Mimosa Boulevard Roswell,
Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roswell United Methodist Church
814 Mimosa Blvd
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Robert A. Hillegas*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Doug Hardman - March 15, 2015 at 10:58 AM



With Goose, I went to Rankin Elementary (he is bottom row on right in 6th grade picture) and Simon Perkins Junior High and Buchtel High School (he is #20 as a junior in picture). So sorry to hear of his passing.

Doug Hardman - March 15, 2015 at 11:02 AM



“ *Bob was a new-hire classmate in early 1977 at Delta Airlines. He was then, as now, a true gentleman, quick with a laugh and smile. As I reflect upon Bob's life and his impact, the one vivid memory that comes to me is one I've thought of in connection with another excellent Delta captain, Tony Couch...I always felt better after having been in Bob's presence that I did before being with him. A great and gentle presence has left us for his flight West but his time with us will neither be forgotten or without meaning. God Bless. Alan Price*

Alan Price - February 21, 2015 at 08:36 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert A. Hillegas.*



February 16, 2015 at 05:26 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert A. Hillegas.*



February 16, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ *To The Family Of Bob Aka "Goose" Hillegas;
A loyal friend at BHS. My basketball partner in high school. Much
revered by all his friends which were many. An intellect of which I
was not. So many memories of a first class guy that I shared my
youth with. RIP Goose !
Bill Crocker
Rockport, Ma.*

Bill Crocker - February 16, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of
Mr. Robert A. Hillegas.*



February 15, 2015 at 09:10 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert A. Hillegas.



February 15, 2015 at 09:09 AM



“ You're family is in our thoughts and prayers!
The Pinckney family

Justin & Alex Pinckney - February 15, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ Cathy and family, may you find comfort in the legacy of love Bob has given you all He was one of the finest....God bless each you.

sue sharp - February 14, 2015 at 07:39 PM



“ Our condolences to the family during these sad times. I'm so happy Bob was a part of my life as a classmate with Delta Air Lines and simulator partner for training, resulting in a full career. Doug Smith, Grand Isle, Vermont; Delta C-77.

Doug Smith - February 14, 2015 at 05:17 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Northside Chapel - February 14, 2015 at 01:44 PM

JN

“ We were so sorry to hear of the loss of Captain Bob. His love and wonderful memories will live through all of you. Hugs to you all, Judy and Al Nash

Judy Nash - February 14, 2015 at 06:58 AM

KC

“ Cathy, Annie, Jessie and family, our prayers go out to all of you. We have lost a great neighbor and friend. Karen Craig

k craig - February 13, 2015 at 02:57 PM

JC

“ Cathy - Tae and I are so sorry for your loss and we will keep Bob and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you and your family peace and strength during this time.

Jim and Tae Coyle - February 13, 2015 at 02:29 PM

AV

Cathy, We are so sad for Bob's passing. His wit, sense of humor and sparkling smile will be missed by many. Our condolences to you, Annie, Jessie and family.
Nelson and Ada Vega

Ada & Nelson Vega - February 16, 2015 at 07:03 PM