



Harold A. Kosola

August 6, 1936 - October 11, 2024

Harold A. Kosola, 88, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2024, in Columbus, Georgia, with his family by his side. Visitation for family and friends will be held at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home in Albany, GA, on Saturday, October 19, at 11 a.m., with the service to follow at noon. Interment will take place afterward at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Harold graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1963 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He spent over 40 years in the aerospace industry, founding Kosola and Associates, Inc., where he led product design, aircraft repair, and engineering consulting for all types of aircraft. His contributions to agricultural aviation earned him a place in the National Agricultural Aviation Association Hall of Fame.

Harold remained connected to Embry-Riddle throughout his life, serving as a founding officer and president of the Alumni Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees. He also played a key role in honoring the Royal Air Force cadets who trained at Embry-Riddle during WWII. In 2007, he received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service.

Known for his boundless energy and unpredictable sense of humor, Harold never hesitated to fly or take a road trip with his family or for business. His adventurous spirit took him to 37 countries, where he made lifelong friends. With the constant support of his wife Joan, who was also his business partner, Harold blended work and family seamlessly. He treated employees like family and mentored many young professionals.

Family was at the heart of Harold's life. He cherished time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, and his love of genealogy connected him to his Finnish heritage and friends worldwide.

Harold is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joan; his children, Kimberly Heinzer (Eric) and Kristen Moore (Tim); his grandchildren, Kate, Carolyn, Christopher, Stephan, John, and Julian; and his sisters, Candace Bethke (Chuck) and Nancy Kosola. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Theresa, and his sister, Joyce Septembre (Tom).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Embry-Riddle Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund at <https://alumnifriends.erau.edu/s/give>.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Harold was a very knowledgeable aviation engineer. He was very helpful in my general aviation career. I enjoyed his stories about his travels all around the world. He is, and will be missed by family and friends whose lives he has touched. Charlie L.*

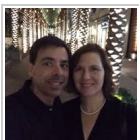
Charles L - November 02, 2024 at 10:54 PM



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Kim Heinzer - October 18, 2024 at 01:27 PM



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Kim Heinzer - October 17, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SB

“ Harold and Joan were part of our young married life. Neighbors in Vero Beach, Fl, neighbors in Albany, Ga. We were together for our first born children. Rest in peace, Mr. K. Love to your family and especially Joan. Sue Bernardy

Sue Bernardy - October 17, 2024 at 02:10 PM



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Kim Heinzer - October 17, 2024 at 07:24 AM



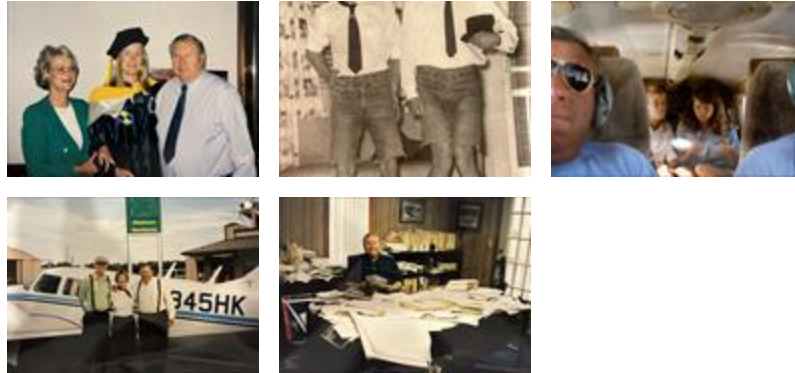
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Kim Heinzer - October 17, 2024 at 07:01 AM

KH

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Kim Heinzer - October 16, 2024 at 11:01 PM

LT

“ Lana T. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold A. Kosola.



Lana T. - October 16, 2024 at 05:22 PM

AR

“ Alexa R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold A. Kosola.

Alexa R. - October 16, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold A. Kosola.

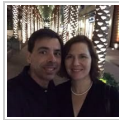


October 16, 2024 at 01:10 PM

JR

“ Harold and i grew up together, for over 74 years we were best friends, we hunted and fished, worked on cars and aircraft , long after we retired we still stayed in touch and visited each other when possible, Harold you were one of a kind and i miss you, your buddy Jay

Jay Rollnick - October 16, 2024 at 11:17 AM



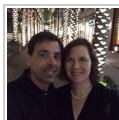
Thank you for being such a great lifelong friend, Jay! He loved to talk about his adventures with you!

Kim Heinzer - October 16, 2024 at 11:11 PM

CH

“ Harold held a wealth knowledge regarding the aviation industry. He was extremely helpful to me in my aviation pursuit approving Toyota auto seats in my Beach Bonanza. That was just one of the many projects he helped me with. He is and will be missed by the many lives he touched. Good bye Harodi (his favorite Finish monicor) your pal Charlie L.

Charles - October 15, 2024 at 10:54 PM



Thank you, Charlie, for all the great aviation magazines you sent to Dad and the kindness you've shown to both our parents!

Kim Heinzer - October 16, 2024 at 11:15 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold A. Kosola.



October 15, 2024 at 05:41 PM

JR

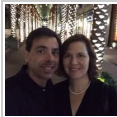
“ Jay and Jenny Rollnick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold A. Kosola.

Jay and Jenny Rollnick - October 15, 2024 at 05:41 PM

JR

“ Thank you Harold for your support at my wedding Family of my husband wasn't so sure of me But you had my back and helped me through it Your a great good hearted friend and I will miss you God's speed

Janette Rollnick - October 15, 2024 at 05:25 PM



Thank you for your kind words, Janette

Kim Heinzer - October 16, 2024 at 11:16 PM