



## Maj. Paul J. Freeman

July 15, 1935 - January 22, 2017

Maj. Paul J. Freeman (USAF Ret.) 81, of Albany died Jan 22, 2017 at his residence.

His funeral service will be held Saturday 4:00PM at Kimbrell-Stern. Rev. Bobby Moye will be officiating.

Born Bladenboro, NC, Mr. Freeman was a retired Major from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service. He was a Weather Pilot that flew into Hurricanes. He loved his years of flying into storms and reporting what he saw. Mr. Freeman also loved Astrology. Daily he researched star and comet patterns, and tracked their trajectory changes. His daughter remembers him as being able to fix anything and was always there to help her and others. He was preceded in death by his siblings Elbert Freeman, Dewey Freeman, and Bob Freeman.

Survivors include his only child Linda Freeman of Orlando, FL; a brother Ralph Freeman of Jacksonville Beach, FL; a sister Edith Freeman Harris of Bladenboro, NC; a sister Margie Freeman Bridger of Bladenboro, NC; a brother Adrian Freeman of Clermont, FL; and sister Elwanda Lincoln of Mount Dora, FL.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 3:00 to 4:00PM one hour before service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maj. Paul J. Freeman*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Maj. Paul J. Freeman*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Maj. Paul J. Freeman*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Linda,  
We've been friends for so long that I don't remember a time when we weren't. I'm so sorry for your loss. Above and beyond his piles of paperwork :) that are a reminder of him are the memories that you hold in your heart. Much love to you!  
Holly Musgrove Farrell*

**Holly** - February 07, 2017 at 01:44 PM

PS

“ Dear Linda,

*My heart goes out to you - losing a Dad is so difficult, but the suddenness of your loss is so tragic on top of the grief. Although I never knew your Dad, if you follow in his footsteps, he was an immeasurably wonderful person and will always be by your side loving and encouraging you. Please know that my heart and prayers go with you and I'm always only a phone call away - day or night.*

*Love and hugs,*

*Patty Sullivan*

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**Patty Sullivan** - January 31, 2017 at 08:03 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maj. Paul J. Freeman.*



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January 28, 2017 at 11:48 AM

EW

“ *Linda, my condolences to you on the loss of your father. While my memories of your dad are mostly from my childhood days with you (ranging from the times I saw him tinkering with his projects while we played at your house or seeing him at our piano recitals), I have and will always remember him for his quiet, gentle, and kind disposition. ~ Emily*

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**Emily W** - January 28, 2017 at 08:00 AM

LH

“ Linda, We are so sorry for the loss of your father and for the loss of our Class 65C leader. May God be with you and your family at this difficult time.  
*Larry and Mary Hornbeek*

Larry and Mary Hornbeek - January 27, 2017 at 11:18 PM

YW

“ YOUR LOVING SISTER EL WANDA purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Maj. Paul J. Freeman.



YOUR LOVING SISTER EL WANDA - January 27, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maj. Paul J. Freeman.



January 27, 2017 at 10:45 AM

YC

“ Your friends in KGCS at Kennedy Space Center purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Maj. Paul J. Freeman.



Your friends in KGCS at Kennedy Space Center - January 26, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Maj. Paul J. Freeman.*



January 26, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ *Donna Bartling lit a candle in memory of Maj. Paul J. Freeman*



**Donna Bartling** - January 26, 2017 at 08:36 AM



*Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family.  
Donna*

**Donna Bartling** - January 26, 2017 at 08:37 AM



*Thank you*

**Linda Freeman, Paul's only child** - January 29, 2017 at 10:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maj. Paul J. Freeman.*



January 25, 2017 at 09:03 PM

BK

“ Linda,

*It's terrible to hear about the loss of your Dad. My prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Brian Kochan*

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**Brian Kochan** - January 25, 2017 at 08:32 PM

SB

“ Dearest Linda, My stongest memories of your father, Uncle Paul to me, are when I was a young girl living in his hometown Bladenboro, N.C.and he would come to visit his mother. I remember his kindness, his calm and the wonderful presents he would bring me from his travels abroad. One of my favorite gifts he gave me was a child's iron from Germany that worked just like the real one my mom used. It was beautifully made and I was amazed that we would remember me to bring such a special gift. This particular time, I remember sitting on his lap and he showed me how it worked. It was such a delight. I am so sorry for your family's loss and hope you know all of us send you tons of love. Sadie

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**Sadie Bridger** - January 25, 2017 at 08:18 PM

DB

“ Linda, so sorry about your (our) loss of your father and best friend Paul and I seemed to be based together after pilot training probably because we both chose the MAC C-130. We were at Charleston and then we were sent overseas to the Air Weather Service on Guam. Not sure he ever mentioned us but my wife Jo and I always saw to it he had a place for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner since he was not accompanied to Guam.

Sorry we will not be at the service but you mentioned sending some funny stories about him. This story is not really funny but quite interesting and I wonder if he ever mentioned it to you. This is an example of his character. There was a very strong and severe Super Typhoon With winds over 180 mph. We flew together on this trip although we were both Aircraft Commanders. Often in severe storms we would send the mission out with two Aircraft Commanders in lieu of Co-pilot.

We would swap seats daily taking turns at command. I need to cut this short but I will send you an email with the whole story. Basically we had to shut down one of our engines and flew through the eye of the Typhoon on three engines.

I didn't see Paul much after he left Guam but did get to see him at a class reunion in Gold Beach, AL.

God bless you and family

LtCol Ret, Dale and Mary Jo Basham

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**DALE W BASHAM** - January 25, 2017 at 07:35 PM

PJ

“ Linda I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless you and your family. Pat Joyce

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**Pat Joyce** - January 25, 2017 at 05:26 PM

JF

“ Linda, We were a bunch of fresh-faced, no-nothing 2 LT's in 1963 when we showed up at Vance for Pilot Training. Your dad, by virtue of being a seasoned veteran of probably 7 years, became our class leader. During the next year, we all became fast friends and worked hard to help us all earn our wings. Paul's leadership was a key factor in us achieving our goal. I haven't seen him since our reunion at Gulf Shores some years ago but he seemed happy and had a wonderful life. Our condolences are with you and we wish you the best. Jim Folsom, Maj. Gen. USAF(ret) and Karen

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**Jim Folsom** - January 25, 2017 at 04:25 PM

KB

“ Linda,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers both this week and in the months to come.*

*Kim Boettner*

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**Kim Boettner** - January 25, 2017 at 02:57 PM

BS

“ The "Honcho" will always have a special place in the memory of 65-C our prayers for you and the family. "Lord guard and guide the men who fly-----" RTB MMC.

*Bob and Marcia Spangler*

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**BOB SPANGLER** - January 25, 2017 at 02:44 PM

LC

*Thank you much for traveling in the attending the services. It was an honor to meet you.*

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**Linda Freeman, Paul's only child** - January 29, 2017 at 10:38 PM

BA

“ Linda,

*I am very sorry to hear about loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you strength to cope and courage to cherish his memories. With deepest condolences.*

*Bimal Amin*

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**Bimal Amin** - January 25, 2017 at 02:25 PM

DF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**David Flynn** - January 25, 2017 at 12:26 PM

DF

*Linda, our hearts and minds are with you in this difficult time. I know from your email to 65-C that you have a treasure trove of memories to help you through this time. The photo is the 65-C's memory of Paul. God Bless. Dave Flynn*

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**David Flynn** - January 25, 2017 at 12:31 PM

SD

“ Linda,

*I offer my heartfelt condolence in the loss of your dear Father. May GOD strengthen and comfort you.*

*Your Classmate*

*Starlene*

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**Starlene Dykes** - January 25, 2017 at 11:07 AM

SB

“ *Linda and family,*

*I am sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with him while I lived in Albany. He was a bit of a character and was the type of person who could not be idle. He did some amazing things by himself on his 'farm.' I wish I had been around him more. I know how proud he was of you.*

*My condolences,  
Steve Byrne  
Atlanta, GA*

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**Steve Byrne** - January 25, 2017 at 07:47 AM

RG

“ *Dear Linda and family,*

*It is with a heavy heart and sadness that my wife and I learned of the death of your father. I lived in the BOQ quarters right next to your father at Vance AFB, OK, As you know he was our class commander, and a caring leader to our group of 50+ striving young officers seeking their dream of becoming USAF pilots. His subtle humor and steady hand helped us to stay focused and guided 42 of us to achieve those treasured silver wings. None of us will forget those young days of our lives, and your father will always remain as the leader of that close formation.*

*All of us from the Vance AFB Class 65C share in your loss. We will remember your Father and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this sad and difficult time.*

*Roland and Diane Gaasch*

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**Roland Gaasch** - January 25, 2017 at 07:10 AM

Jl

“ Linda,  
We were fortunate to have Paul as our class leader at Vance. He was experienced and a Captain. He offered encouragement when needed and good sound advice when sought. Through his good example he helped a bunch of kids become better officers and pilots. His leadership was greatly appreciated and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Jesse B. Daggett II

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**Jesse B. Daggett II** - January 24, 2017 at 10:11 PM

GV

“ Linda,  
I remember Paul as our good leader in pilot training. I know he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Whitey VanOverschelde

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**Gene VanOverschelde** - January 24, 2017 at 05:11 PM

OB

“ Linda,  
Paul was a good man! I know he will be sorely missed. My thoughts are with you.  
O.L. Bell  
class 65-C

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**O. L. Bell** - January 24, 2017 at 03:33 PM

HF

*LtCol Bell, Linda asked that I add your email here so she could keep the remembrances of her father in one place. --Holly*

*Linda,*

*I was Paul's second in command while going through Pilot Training. Your dad was a steadying, calming influence to all of our class. He was able to sift through the rules and kept us shielded from a lot of nuances of adjusting to the air force way of life. He was able to laugh and make sense of any undo pressures we felt. For that we all owe Paul a lot. He taught us as I like to say to "keep the front end going forward".*

*I know you have suffered a tremendous lost and want you to know that our class will be happy to provide any help you may need. I am including my address and telephone number. Please do not fail to call me if needed.*

*O. L. Bell LtCol USAF Retired*

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**Holly Musgrove Farrell** - February 22, 2017 at 04:22 PM

MC

*“ I quite enjoyed having Paul as a father-in-law. We spent hours talking about his experiences in B-52s during the cold war and how things had changed in the defense triad since his day. It was a sight to behold to see him give Linda away in his Air Force dress blues. It hurt my heart to watch her pull that uniform out of the wreckage. I loved and respected him very much. Godspeed Paul!*

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**Mike Cato** - January 24, 2017 at 01:08 PM