



Lyman Weaver

September 18, 1924 - July 12, 2012

WEAVER, LYMAN "BUD" Lyman "Bud" Weaver wanted to have his obituary say only "The old geezer croaked," but his life should be shared. He was a resident of Albuquerque from 1945 until he passed away on July 12, 2012. He was born in Theodore, Alabama, in 1924, a farm boy who got his first shoes in high school. At age 18, while a freshman at Auburn, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He flew his 20th mission on his 20th birthday, the youngest bomber pilot in action during WWII. He flew the B-24 bomber "Little Lulu," which he once landed against all odds after being shot up and losing one engine, saving all 6 people on-board. He completed his tour of 35 missions in the 8th Air Force, flying out of England over Germany and France. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, several oak leaf clusters with numerous Air Medals, and battle stars. After WWII he moved to Albuquerque with the Air Force. He completed his education at the University of Colorado in Boulder with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1949. He was called up for the Korean War, during which he flew 100 missions in a P-51 Mustang. After Korea, he flew most of the planes that the Air Force offered including the F-80 Shooting Star, and the F-100, the first super-sonic plane. "Bheudo," as he was known to his buddies, joined the New Mexico National Guard 188th as a Major in 1963, and retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1972. From 1951-68, he was married to Carolyn Koch; they had 4 children. In 1963, he was made Vice President of the Southwest Insurance Agency in Albuquerque; later becoming president and owner. He retired in his late 70's. As a young man he served as

President of the Jaycees. He was the head of the Civilian Aviation Board in the 1960's, during which time he brought the first lawsuit against the FAA and succeeded in bringing about deregulation of airline service for Albuquerque. He was a member of the 8th Air Force Historical Society and the Quiet Birdmen (QBs), a pilots-only organization. He is survived by his family: son Greg FryeWeaver & wife Nancy of Albuquerque; daughter Jennifer Weaver of Albuquerque; son Kevin Weaver of Bellingham, Washington; son Matthew Weaver & wife Alba of Oklahoma City; granddaughter & husband Addie FryeWeaver & Walter Duran of Albuquerque; granddaughter & husband Caitlin & Danny Anello of Omaha, Nebraska; granddaughter Sophia Weaver of Oklahoma City; grandson Wyatt & granddaughter Emily Weaver of Bellingham; and grandson Kellen Weaver & great-granddaughter Kiana of Taos. He is also survived by many loyal friends and Air Force and veteran buddies. Bud put up a hard fight against cancer, and passed peacefully to heaven with his loved ones at hand. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. The family wishes to thank Bud's friends, the caring staff at the VA Hospital, Ambercare Hospice, and especially the excellent staff of Andrew House Assisted Living. A graveside military service will take place on Friday July 20, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. To attend, please arrive at 10:15 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. Please visit our online guestbook for "Bud" at RememberTheirStory.com FRENCH10500 Lomas Blvd. NE(505) 275-3500

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Bud was our insurance agent for many years at Southwest Insurance Agency - and later. He took time to meet with us each year to review all details of our policies, and to get to know us personally. He was the best insurance agent we ever had - and was a great guy. We really missed him when he retired. Our condolences to the family.

Clarence & Carol Bass - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To all~~ my mentor & NM Aviation Assoc you are missed. A good long run you had!! Everything from the Flying Review & back again..Memories!! Adios Bud!

Charlie Morris - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Please forgive a stranger from commenting. The first line of the obituary in the Albuquerque Journal caught my eye; I laughed, and wanted to read about him. What a wonderful story, a tribute to a wonderful man. I told a friend about it. He had the same reaction as I: I wish I could have known him. How fortunate are those of you who did know him, who shared his life. He was part of "the greatest generation".

Harold Melnick - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My condolences to the family, my our lord give you peace and comfort for your loss. God bless you.

Rita Sanchez - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Bud you ole dog!! You were just that a GOOD BUD! Never forget your 'Southernism' in tuff times...'Charlie, We're pissing up a knotted rope my friend!' I hope I served you well. Accounts 'deceivable' @ Southwest's end in 'Our Name' a BIG 0!! Thumbs Up on your way West! Adios, Amigo!! Charlie

Charlie Morris - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.

Joel Chavez - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I love you Dad.

Jennifer - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ It was an honor to have known Bud. I will alway recall the golf trip to Panama, and the colorful stories about flying. Bud was a pleasure to be around, and will be sorely missed.Adios, Bhuedo

Rocket & Paula - July 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM