



Vincent H. Dostert

July 27, 1924 - October 4, 2018

“Sabreliner Two Hotel Whiskey (N2HW), you are cleared for final.” On October 4, 2018, Vincent H. Dostert, age 94, took his final flight and has now rejoined the love of his life, Alma, who preceded him in death on November 13, 2009, after nearly 65 years of marriage. Vincent was born to William and Hazel (Hillier) Dostert on July 27, 1924 in Saulte St. Marie, Michigan. The family moved to the Lakeside area in Muskegon when Vince was an infant, where he attended Bunker Schools. Upon graduation from Muskegon High School in 1942, Vince entered the U.S. Army Air Corps Flight Training School, becoming a World War II C-46 pilot. Following the war, Vince proudly served in the Air Force Reserve as a Captain. In 1959, Vince, along with his friend Muriel Brown, co-founded Executive Air Transport, a fixed base operation in Muskegon. Vince took great pride in the fact that Executive Air continues to be a thriving business in Muskegon. Following the sale of Executive Air in 1971, Vince became Chief Corporate Pilot for Howmet Corporation, retiring in 1987. Vince was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Rev. William Dostert; and sister-in-law, Christine Dostert. Survivors include his sister, Virginia (Jack) Gray of Fort Wayne, Indiana; son, Stephen (Susan French) Dostert; daughter, Lynelle Brown; son, David (Carol) Dostert; daughter, Lisa (Dwight) Stafford, along with eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. It was in Lincoln, Nebraska on Christmas Day 1944 that Vince married Alma Alice Peck. Vince and Alma enjoyed life to the fullest and were blessed with many friends throughout their years as members at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, as well as time spent with their friends boating, traveling in their motor home, snowmobiling, and wintering in Tucson, Arizona. After Alma’s passing, it was no secret that Vince missed her with all his heart. If you listen closely, Vince can be heard saying “I love you all, but please do not grieve for me as I am now reunited with my true love and that is where I am meant to be.” The Celebration of Life of Vincent Dostert will be held on Thursday October 11, 2018 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey Street, Norton Shores, Michigan. Visitation with the family will take place from 2:00 – 3:00 PM followed by the Celebration of Life Service at 3:00 PM. Vince will be laid to rest at Lakeside Cemetery. The family wishes to thank Harbor Hospice caregivers for the loving care provided to their father and their family. For a lasting memorial, please consider making contributions to Harbor Hospice Foundation (1050 W

Western Ave # 400, Muskegon, MI 49441). You may share memories with the family at their online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.

Cemetery

Lakeside Cemetery
2201 Crozier
Muskegon, MI, 49441

Events

OCT 11 Visitation 02:00PM - 03:00PM

The Lee Chapel
6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI, US, 49444

OCT 11 Funeral Service 03:00PM

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Comments



“ It was an honor for me to call Vince my friend. He was a wonderful gentleman who always encouraged my ownership of Executive Air Transport and supported aviation as only he could. Thank you for helping make my aviation career so enjoyable.

Rex Vanderlinde

Rex Vanderlinde - October 12, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Vincent H. Dostert.



October 11, 2018 at 12:30 AM



“ What I remember most about working with Vince, flying with him on Sabreliner N2HW, was that while he always was a consummate professional, inside and outside the cockpit, there was also just a hint of mischief in him. It was always there, and it made working with and for him a worthwhile thing. Vince was simply a good man!

My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Chris Kostamo (Howmet pilot '83-'90)

Chris Kostamo - October 10, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vincent H. Dostert.



October 10, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vincent H. Dostert.



October 10, 2018 at 05:27 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vincent H. Dostert.



October 09, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa Stafford - October 08, 2018 at 07:45 AM



“ Lynelle, so sorry to hear about your Dad. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.
Love & Hugs, Sue Pochert

Sue Pochert - October 07, 2018 at 06:36 PM



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“ In 1961 my mom "Polly" began a whole new career working for Vince and Brownie at Executive Air! I will never forget her nervous excitement when she was hired, even though I was only 11 or 12 years old. It was a dream job for her after raising 3 girls, and she very quickly was considered part of the Executive Air Family. My mom sang praises for her bosses on a regular basis. Vince was kind, professional, and just a great guy all around. AND, he had a beautiful daughter (Lynelle) that started to work there with my mom. Polly was a stickler for details, and I do believe that there was no question who was actually in charge(My Mom). But Vince and the others treated Polly like gold, and she grew into her responsibilities as their "Executive Secretary!" My mom and dad became great friends with both Vince and Brownie and their wives on a social level as well. And I gained a lifelong friend-Lynelle! Vince was the true definition of a Gentleman. He was loved and respected by everyone that knew him. My deep condolences to his family and friends. Marcie (Witt) Ferris

Marcie Ferris - October 06, 2018 at 08:36 AM