



Captain Thomas "Tom" Fothergill

January 1, 1937 - May 22, 2023

Captain Fothergill, " Tom," was born in Kentucky, on a farm at home, on January 1st, 1937. His father was James Fothergill, and his mother was Mary Jane Rosenberger Fothergill. His deceased siblings are: James Lee Fothergill (US Navy) and Nancy Fothergill Schiebe.

Thomas Allen Fothergill , of Jonesboro, GA, formerly of Vevay, Indiana passed to his true home-meeting many loving family members and close friends after being a persevering fighter toward recovery on May 22nd. He was 86 , and he died on May 22nd , 2023, at his home on Lake Jodeco which coincided with his wishes.

He and his wife Lois moved to Lake Jodeco in 1965 from Alexandria, Virginia where he flew out of Washington DC for Eastern Airlines . They moved to Georgia since he desired to be promoted to fly as a First Officer in Atlanta, Georgia at Eastern Airlines. Tom and Lois were married on June 23rd, 1962; they were married for 61 years. Tom and Lois have two daughters: Anne Maire Fothergill Webb and Elizabeth "Beth" Fothergill. The family would also like to describe his commitment to his daughter ,Beth, who has Down Syndrome. He would say prayers with her before she ate and at bedtime, take her for ice cream and hold her hand. Our family always sang a prayer for Beth

while we held each other's hands before each meal. We sang and still will: “ Thank You for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat, thank you for the birds that sing , and Thank you God for everything.” Our family believes that Beth helped us be who we are, and this situation helps the world see true love of family with a fighting faith.

He flew for Eastern Airlines as a First Officer and later Captain from 10-7-63 to 1-18-91. He later was a Captain for Eva Airlines based in Taipei, Taiwan from 1993-1997- retiring at the age of 60 on January 1st, 1997.

He has fond memories of many pilot friends , and he was quite at home at any small or large airport - flying any jet or plane.Mr. Fothergill served in the Army after highschool. He later achieved his dream of flying jets by attending Northrop Rice Aviation Institute of Technology in California to become an Aircraft Mechanic. He attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida as well.

He flew an Aeronca Champ, loved a Piper Tri-pacer, a Cessna 150 or 172, and flew several float planes. He started at Eastern Airlines with a DC-7B as a First Officer and ended his career flying a B-767 jet for Eva Airlines. He would always say, “ I’d fly for free!” He has loved planes since he was a small child. He achieved his dream. He was known to do the occasional “Fly Over” for his wife Lois Carol Lauderbaugh Fothergill when they were younger.

Thomas Fothergill rededicated his life , and he was baptized in the name of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, on Sunday, the seventh of September, in the year of our Lord ,2008, at First Baptist Church of

Jonesboro.

Thomas Allen Fothergill is survived by his wife Lois Carol Lauderbaugh Fothergill, his daughter Anne Marie Fothergill Webb and her husband Stacy Webb and his daughter Elizabeth Fothergill. His beloved Grandchildren are: Rebecca Elizabeth Bain and her husband Ewan Bain, Corporal Jacob Thomas Webb (USMC) and his wife Erin Knowles Webb, and Michael Taylor Webb. His beautiful great grandchildren are: Asher James Webb and Issac Derek Bain.

His surviving brother is Michael Taylor Fothergill and his wife Cathy Farr Fothergill. Tom has many nieces and nephews that he loved very much: Lt Commander James Edward Fothergill-

(USCG), John Thomas Fothergill, Kathy Elsaesser, Joe Elsaesser, Kimberley Wright Beck, Pamela Wright, James Wright , Victoria Fothergill, Donna Fothergill Sisco and her husband Jake Sisco, Petty Officer Second Class (E-5)-(USCG) - Dustin Fothergill and his wife Mckayla Fothergill with their child Bentley James Fothergill.

The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, June 10th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Ford Stewart Funeral Home , 2047 GA-138, Jonesboro, GA 30236.

Later in June, a Graveside Service will be in Vevay, Indiana to bring Tom home to his hometown, next to the Ohio River, at The Vevay Cemetery, 820 E Main St, Vevay, IN 47043. Haskell and Morrison in Vevay, Indiana are arranging the graveside service now.

Flowers are beautiful however donations are appreciated to: Memorials Processing, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude PL, Memphis TN 38105-9959, Georgia Special Olympics or Indiana Special Olympics. Also, Tom and Lois Fothergill attended First Baptist of Jonesboro, 142 College Street Jonesboro, Ga. 30236/Mailing P.O. Box 773, Jonesboro 30237

(770-478-6710). Their Sunday School Class- "Solid Rock"- supports " My Brother's Keeper." They deliver meals to those combating illness or have had a deceased loved one pass on to be with our Father in Heaven. If you feel led, donating to "My Brother's Keeper", St. Jude, or Special Olympics are ways to feed, give life and give joy. If you feel led to give flowers, that is a very loving thought for our family. My father loved red roses.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ford Stewart Funeral Home Inc.
2047 Highway 138 S.E.
Jonesboro, GA 30236
(770) 210-2700
fordstewartfh@aol.com
<https://www.fordstewartfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *The Phillips Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Captain Thomas "Tom" Fothergill.*



The Phillips Family - June 09, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Captain Thomas "Tom" Fothergill.*



June 08, 2023 at 09:10 PM