



John Fossard

June 18, 1956 - August 27, 2021

John William Fossard was born in Springfield, MO on Monday, June 18, 1956, to Thomas Etchison and Eupha Columbia (Warren) Fossard. He passed from this life on Friday, August 27, 2021, at his home in Broken Arrow, OK at the age of 65 after battling glioblastoma multiforme.

John was the youngest of three boys born to Tom and Eupha. Most of John's early years were in Springfield, MO, with a two-year period in Paris, KY during elementary school. The family returned to Springfield, MO and he graduated from Glendale High School in 1974. After high school, John enrolled at Southwest Missouri State University where he played on the college tennis team. He graduated from SMSU with a bachelor's degree in Geology in December 1978. He moved to Tulsa to work as a geologist at Godsey-Earlougher Division of Williams Brothers Engineering Co. This is where he met Cyndy and where he cultivated his interest in the jets flying overhead. He married Cyndy (Newlin) Fossard on December 8, 1984 and they eventually became parents of two daughters.

In 1980, John became a pilot with the 125th TFS in the Oklahoma Air National Guard. Major John "Fozzy" Fossard flew the A-7 D/F and the F-16 C/D during his tenure.

He began his career with American Airlines in June 1986 and retired after 35

years in June 2021. After two years of flying passengers, John moved to maintenance flying for American. He was part of a small crew that provided specialized flying when planes were disabled within the system, after they were maintained and needed approval to return to passenger flights, and accepting new aircraft the company purchased. Over his career at American, he flew the DC 9, DC 10, MD 90, 727, 737, A300 and A320. Beginning as a Flight Engineer, he moved to First Officer at Flight Test TULE and retired as Captain John Fossard.

John was passionate about his family, his career as a pilot, and bicycling. He often enjoyed spending time at his lake house on Grand Lake. He loved problem solving his way through home projects. When not at the lake house, you'd find John on the bike trails heading out to Riverside. John enjoyed the beauty and simplicity that nature offered.

He was a family man, dedicated to his wife of 37 years, and expressed daily love and pride in his two daughters. He loved bird watching and feeding wild turkeys with his brother, Jim, in Missouri.

Throughout his flying career, he had the opportunity to fly great planes with great men – many who considered John their brother. He never hesitated to provide counsel and words of advice to those he loved. Friends and family will miss his dynamic presence.

Preceded in death were his parents and one brother, Thomas "Warren" Fossard.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Cyndy, of the home in Broken Arrow; daughter Jessica Brundage (Matt) of Broken Arrow; daughter Kelly Fossard (Sarah) of Broken Arrow; brother Jim Fossard of Springfield, MO; and granddaughter Madison Brundage.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations in John's name to either

the Coffee Bunker at www.coffeebunker.org or Stephenson Cancer Center, a part of OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City at www.ouhealth.com

Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74012
(918) 252-2518

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 6. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

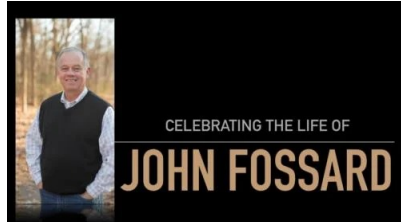
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Tribute Wall



“ *Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of John Fossard*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - September 06, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ *John Fossard*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *My staff and I were deeply saddened to learn of John's passing. The Fossards have been valued clients of mine for over 20 years, and I liked John from the very start. When I think of him, I think of a good man who was loyal and precise in everything he did. I just learned of John's passing and was reminded of how one of his final acts in life was making sure that all of the repairs and projects in his home were completed for his family. He will be missed. My heartfelt condolences to Cyndy, his daughters and all who loved him.*



-Ed Kaplan (The Buckingham Group)

Ed Kaplan - December 29, 2022 at 03:47 PM

DG

“ John and I met in Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB in 1981 and became instant friends. The test of a true friendship exists when paths don't cross very often but when they do, ya pick up right where you left off. That's what my very special friendship with John was all about. We'd touch base on the phone a couple times per year, get caught up on each others' jobs, families, etc, and reaffirm just how special our connection was. While I'm saddened at the loss of such a dear friend, I know John was a strong believer in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ so all we've done is enter into a new period of temporary separation. The Heavenly reunion is going to be spectacular!

Dale Goodrich - September 07, 2021 at 07:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Fossard.



September 02, 2021 at 08:48 PM

TL

“ John was a gifted story teller and had a great laugh. He would find something to say "thank you" for every time we were together. He loved a challenge and the bigger the better. An admirable man who cherished his family, I'm honored to be in that loved group - Teri Lerch

Teri Lerch - September 02, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Fossard.*



September 02, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *John, was a great person to get to know I was on the flight line when John was flying the A7 and the F16 I was also a crew chief on the B737 aircraft john tested after the plane went though a heavy check He was always talking to me about his daughter that went to nursing school with my daughter Fiona. He was so proud of her as well as his other daughter we spent more time talking about them then the aircraft but he was very picky about the things that were wrong with the jet he will be missed Thank you John for being part of my life in the service and AA. TSGT Darren M Lutz (Ret) and AA Crew Chief*

Darren M Lutz - August 31, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *I WOULD LIKE TO PRAY FOR THE FOSSARD FAMILY GIVE MY CONDOLENCE. COMRADE JOHN AND I GO BACK A LONG WAY. WE WERE BOTH IN THE 138TFG/ANG TULSA AND WORKED AT AMERICAN AIRLINES. I HAD THE SAME BRAIN SURGERY THAT JOHN HAD AT OU MEDICAL HOSPITAL OKC. RIP MY FRIEND. MY NAME IS BENJAMIN ROUNDTREE RETIRED MSGT. RETIRED FROM AMERICAN AIRLINES.*



BENJAMIN EUGENE ROUNDTREE - August 31, 2021 at 10:19 PM

JF

“ I will miss my brother dearly. He was the best brother anyone could have. When he arrives in heaven though he will have to answer to my father who never knew he was the one who packed fireworks in a hollow log which my father put in the fireplace in winter. It produced quite the display, and really angered my father. None of us boys fessed up on who did it. John was always there to help anyone who needed a helping hand. Heaven will be a bit brighter with him there. But I know the first thing he will do will be to fly endlessly in the clouds. Gpds Speed John.

Jim Fossard, August 30, 2021.

Jim Fossard - August 30, 2021 at 08:52 PM

ML

John you will be missed! I always looked forward to seeing you at our reunions and talk of growing up together. Your achievements were not surprising . I am so sorry for your family's loss. One of the Best has moved on goodbye old friend!

Marty Lorance - August 31, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ John was always ready with his sense of humor and a helping hand. I have fond memories of Jim and I teaching him tennis, and having fun on ski trips in college. In those days he was like a brother. He will be missed by all.

John Harrison

John Harrison - August 30, 2021 at 06:28 PM

TB

“ 3 files added to the album John "Fozzy" Fossard, Tulsa ANG



Terry "Ragin" Bull - August 29, 2021 at 01:49 PM

TB

I was honored to have served with John twice in the 125th TFS, OKANG; flying A-7Ds 1982 - 1985, and returning when the unit transitioned to F-16CGs in 1993.

Fozzy, Mike Hepner, Mike Farrell, Pat Liggett and I were new punks together in the A-7. We had fun getting to know each other while learning how to be fighter pilots and doing some amazing flying. Since I was a Project Season RAFSOB (Regular Air Force SOB) on a three-year assignment in Tulsa, I moved on to my next assignment in 1985, but maintained my friendship with John and Cyndy over the intervening years until returning to Tulsa when the unit transitioned to the F-16.

John was the consummate professional pilot, gentleman, husband, father and most recently earned the title of grandfather. I was blessed to call him friend, and although we weren't able to get together near as much as I would have enjoyed, it was always a treat to get to spend some time together. I will greatly miss his physical presence in my life, but I know we will be rejoined in the great skies beyond some day. Fair skies and tailwinds my friend.

Terry "Ragin" Bull - August 29, 2021 at 02:05 PM



I flew with John in the OKANG along with Terry Bull, John Fitzpatrick, Mike Hepner and Mike Ferrell, we were known as the Sons of Beaver(SOBs). This was the best flying of my career not to mention how we all had each others back.

John came to Americans Flight Test group a few years after I was there and it was job to get him checked out on Functional Check Flights, wow, the SOB's were back together and having fun.

John was always a professional pilot and a gentleman to all he met. I would be remiss if I didn't mention how my wife Rhonda so enjoyed spending time with John's wife Cyndy, every time they were together all you heard was laughter.

I will miss John but I will always have the memories of our time together in the sky.

Keep the blue side up John.

Pat "Pappy" Liggett

Pat Liggett - September 06, 2021 at 06:23 PM

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“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Fossard family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of John.*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - August 27, 2021 at 04:02 PM