



Franklin F. Sherman

September 11, 2021

Franklin (alias Frank) F. Sherman (90), a lifelong resident of Lincoln died at Miriam Hospital on September 11, 2021. He was the son of the late Edwin (Sid) and Esther (Foster) Sherman, and husband of Janet A. (Turner) Sherman, to whom he was married for 65 years. Besides his wife he leaves two daughters: Sandra J. Riis and her husband, Brian, of Epsom, NH, and Barbara A. Sherman of Narragansett, RI; a son: Robert W. Sherman of Rumford, RI; eight grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers: Edwin and Roger Sherman of Lincoln, RI; and sister, Jean King, of East Providence, RI.

Mr. Sherman graduated from East Senior High School Pawtucket, class of 1948. During his teenage years and until his enlistment in the USAF in 1951, he worked for his father at the former Rockledge Greenhouses in Lincoln. In the Air Force he served as a cryptographer in the USAF Security Service Command until he was discharged in 1954.

He worked for the former Harris Lumber Company in Providence where he was a salesman and shipper for over 20 years. For several years he was employed by the former UVEX Winter Optical Company as a pilot and in quality control. He also worked for Technical Materials Incorporated as a pilot and in quality control. Beginning in 1980 he worked part time as a flight instructor for SkyLANES Inc. at North Central Airport and for about five years at North American Flight Training at Providence Airport. Upon retirement in 1995 he immediately went to work full time as a Flight Instructor for SkyLANES Inc.,

which later became Air Ventures.

He was involved in many aviation related activities. He was a longtime member and past president of the Rhode Island Pilots Association, an Officer in the Junior Naval Cadets Air Academy, a member of the Quiet Birdmen, and belonged to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He was honored to be a designated Aviation Safety Councilor, to have received the Airman of the year Award from the Rhode Island Pilots Association, and he was twice awarded Certified Flight Instructor of the year by the Boston FAA Flight Standards District Office

He belonged to the Cathedral of St. John Episcopal most of his life but now belongs to the Church of The Apostles in Coventry, he was a member of Mount Moriah Lodge of Masons and former Limerock Grange #22 P of H. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, in the Church of the Apostles, 170 Fairview Avenue, Coventry. Calling hours will be held Friday September 17, 2021 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, 571 West Greenville Road, Scituate. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Church of the Apostles, 170 Fairview Avenue, Coventry, RI 02816 or to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Foundation, 421 Aviation Way, Frederick, MD 21701.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **17**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Church of the Apostles
170 Fairview Avenue
Coventry, RI 02816

Tribute Wall

EM

“ When I first met Frank (in the early 90's), as I was introduced to aviation, I was impressed how much of a gentleman he was. As we became more friendly over the years that impression never changed. Frank always had the best to say about everyone. Considering that I did not know him other than in our aviation community, I considered Frank a dear friend. He will be missed. May his soul rest in peace. God speed my friend !

Ed Manfredi - September 23, 2021 at 12:19 PM

JL

“ The Verdon family of Lime Rock send along our fond remeberances of Frankie Sherman and our love to his family. To Janet, Sandra, Barbara, Robert and family our parents, John and Thelma Verdon wish to send their deepest respects and sympathies to all of your family.

Daddy (John),remembers going along with his dad to the greenhouse at the corner of Louisquissett Pike and Woodward road to buy Easter plants for his mother up on Jenkes Hill or picking up seeds for planting. He and Frankie were in the same class in high school in Pawtucket and went into the air force about the same time.

John remembers (kinda?) Frankie getting his pilots license and early years flying out of the cow pasture.

They enjoyed many hours of fellowship at the Lime Rock Grange and friendship through the years.

We kids had many hour of fun up at North Central Airport watching the planes come in and out and especially on fly high day when we were able to ride our bikes to the airport and pay a penny a pound to take an airplane ride!! That was the best!! Thanks Frankie 🍀💕

Julia A. Verdon Larson - September 18, 2021 at 04:48 PM

PC

“ I first began flying with Frank over 32 years ago. As a young pilot at the time Frank taught me the skills of flying in the wind and actually enjoying it. When I decided to get my instrument rating, Frank was there to teach me and keep me safe.

Frank was a stellar example of what it was to be a loving husband, father and sincere friend. I witnessed first hand Frank's love for Janet, his children, grandchildren and later in life great grandchildren. An example of a true professional in every aspect of life.

Always checking on others including myself, just to say hello when he would miss fellow friends was always so heartwarming and welcoming. Frank lived up to his motto of "Never give up". His words of wisdom and encouragement to get involved in promoting safety was one of his greatest gifts. So many pilots, myself included, that sat at the feet of this master and learned so much about so many aspects of life.

Frank was a deal friend and will be deeply missed.

Paul Carroll

Paul Carroll - September 17, 2021 at 08:01 PM

PH

“ Dear Janet. It was a pleasure, and an honor to know Frank. He was a professional. Whenever you were with him, and whatever you were doing together, if you weren't sure if something, all you had to do was watch Frank and learn. He was a true man of God. May God's peace be with you. Paul Hurtubise. Church of the Apostles.

Paul Hurtubise - September 17, 2021 at 04:24 PM

LF

“ Dear Janet we were sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I remember visiting with both of you at different functions with the Rhode Island Pilots Association.. Always a gentleman and always an interesting story to tell of his many years of flying. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

LeeAnn and Joan Falcone and Family

LeeAnn Falcone - September 16, 2021 at 08:12 PM

BG

“ Janet, we are so sorry of the passing of Frank. Frank was a great man, a true gentleman. Not only will I miss flying with Frank, but the many times I drove by the house on my way to N. Providence and stop and chat with him when he was outside cutting grass, splitting wood or working in the garage. R.I.P. Frank, Ginnie and I will miss you, God speed my friend!

Bob Giacobone - September 16, 2021 at 04:55 PM

DA

“ I worked with Frank at the Harris Lumber Co. for many, many years. He was a hard worker, friendly with always a smile. Blessings go out to him and his family!

Dennis Andrews - September 15, 2021 at 09:09 PM

NT

“ I've had the pleasure of knowing Frank and Janet for the past 10 years, as their dental hygienist. I always enjoyed the conversations Frank and I had during his dental appointments. His love of flying and his family was endless. He will definitely be missed.

Nycole Timas - September 15, 2021 at 06:34 PM

JM

“ *Jan Miele lit a candle in memory of Franklin F. Sherman*



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... for the left wing.

Jan Miele - September 15, 2021 at 02:59 PM

JA

“ *Fond memories of seeing Frank along with Jan down at Skylanes, at the Christmas parties, and at the Flight Safety events. Sterling of character and ever the gentleman, it's a true honor to have known him. A favorite quote from Frank on the subject of pilots who worried about getting lost on a flight: That twinkle as he said "I tell them to always remember, you're still somewhere over the North American Continent." Our deepest condolences to Jan and all the family.*

Jan and Adrien - September 15, 2021 at 02:51 PM

EF

“ Frank was always a christian and a gentleman. It was uplifting to know him. He was always ready to serve, whether he was scheduled or not. His sparkling eyes and gracious smile showed that his greetings were heartfelt!! He and his lovely wife Janet are in our prayers and thoughts. Ed and Susan.

Ed and Susan Farrell - September 15, 2021 at 02:01 PM

SJ

“ Frank Sherman was a faithful friend, excellent instructor and a true gentleman. Aviation will miss his proficiency and dedication as a pilot. He will be greatly missed.

Shirley Jacks - September 15, 2021 at 08:24 AM

GS

“ Coming to flying later in the day - I never flew with Frank - but I once asked him how he got his start.

He told me his parents were dead set against him learning to fly - so he used to sneak out at weekends to the old Smithfield Airport (that's under the Bryant University Baseball Diamond these days). He paid his way by the time honored method of washing planes, pumping gas and generally being useful. At the end of the day - he might get a 30 min lesson.

As he put it - one day - for whatever unspecified reason - the plane didn't take off and ended up in the brush at the edge of the airfield. He and the instructor walked away OK - though he was "a bit scratched up".

Sitting at home at dinner that night his father casually mentioned he heard there had been a crash at the airport that day. Frank mumbled something inconsequential. His father looked over a bit more closely and saw that Frank was all scratched up..... "Wait a minute.." :-)

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I last saw Frank 5th June 2021 (it's in my Logbook). I had dropped in at North Central to show someone my plane and while waiting for them to show up wandered over to the Airventures flying school. Frank was sitting outside watching the planes. He mentioned he had lost his medical but he no longer seemed so worried about it - he was at peace with the day. We sat and chatted for a while about this and that and then he headed off for home. Quiet and happy.

Graeme Smith - September 15, 2021 at 07:37 AM

MG

Frank Sherman was one of the finest Christian men I have I ever known. When he came to Church of The Apostles in some 15 years ago he and I formed an immediate bond as brothers in Christ. I cherished Frank's kindness, attention to duty, and his wisdom. He was blessed to be married to his dear Janet for 65 years — whom he adored. We talked recently on the phone for nearly an hour. I will miss him much and am so grateful for having been given the oppressed to journey with him in the Pilgrims' Way. RIP my dear friend. (The Rev.) Mark R. Galloway

mark galloway - September 15, 2021 at 01:04 PM

KM

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Kerri McMahon - September 14, 2021 at 05:34 PM

KM

We will miss our sweetest greeter and usher at Church of The Apostles. Thank you for all you have done for your church family. We love you Frank. Rest in heavenly peace.

Kerri McMahon - September 14, 2021 at 05:36 PM

LT

Frank was such a sweet friendly man ... he spoke to everyone!! I was so amazed that he remained a pilot for so longer until recently. May God bless him and his wife Janet.

Linda Lee Trahan - September 14, 2021 at 05:49 PM

AA

Frank was a friendly man, always with a smile when he greeted us at Church. May Our Blessed Lord, welcome him into Heaven, and may Frank rest in PEACE.

Arthur & Dottie Addy - September 14, 2021 at 08:08 PM

MC

Rest In Peace Frank. You were a man of quality. We'll miss you.

Marc Catanese - September 14, 2021 at 10:08 PM

JF

As a neighbor driving by his home I remember him at Harris Lumber with his brother Roger ,they were both great guys .he will be sadly missed, seeing his pick up truck in his yard at his home. Condolence to his wife Janet.& family..

John F.Luca - September 15, 2021 at 08:42 AM

PJ

Such a hard working man.A pleasure being neighbors. So sorry for your loss. Bob and Phyllis Jalbert

phyllis jalbert - September 15, 2021 at 08:50 AM

MS

Barbara, I am so sorry for your loss. God bless you and your family.

Mary Sherman

Mary Sherman - September 15, 2021 at 09:39 AM

DB

dorothy brightman - September 15, 2021 at 10:13 AM

LL

Frank was much more than a flight instructor to me. He was a friend, a mentor and a companion. An amazing family man who would rarely miss his grandsons baseball games. A wonderful husband to Janet and someone who touched many lives. You will be missed, Frank.

Larry Levin - September 17, 2021 at 12:47 AM

JB

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Frank as a pilot and member of the Rhode Island pilots Assoc.He will always be remembered as a excellent pilot instructor and a gentleman.
To his family let it be known Frank will always be missed and the aviation community lost a wonderful friend.

Jim Burns - September 14, 2021 at 04:43 PM

HG

We at North Central Flight Center will miss Frank Sherman as a good neighbor and as a very knowledgeable friend. We thank Frank for his special efforts promoting safety in aviation. SFZ will not be the same without Frank

Henri Gautschi - September 17, 2021 at 04:11 PM