



## Edward D. Hoffman

May 29, 1953 - October 28, 2013

Edward D. Hoffman, age 60, of Collegeville, PA, passed away on Monday, October 28, 2013 in the Phoenixville Hospital. Born in Queens, NY, he was a son of Blanche (Duchnowska) Hoffman of Old Bridge, NJ and the late A. George Hoffman.

Mr. Hoffman was a very intellectual man, who was a voracious reader and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles. He was an airline Captain for US Airways, and loved to fly. He absolutely enjoyed being around others.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Hoffman is survived by one brother, Robert Hoffman of Old Bridge, NJ; and aunts, nieces and nephews.

There will be no funeral services. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ I grew up with Eddie on Margaret Street in Old Bridge. I was best buds with his younger brother, Bobby. Eddie was always totally cool and friendly. He loved his first muscle car, a GORGEOUS blue Dodge Challenger. In this vehicle he took me for a ride near the Garden State Arts Center in which I first travelled over 100MPH! (Clear day, light traffic... Eddie was a great driver!) I'm so sad to hear of Eddie's passing.

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**Jim Frechette** - December 11, 2015 at 03:43 PM

RA

“ It was my honor and pleasure to share a flight deck and seniority list with Captain Eddie Hoffman. My condolences to his family. He is missed.

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**Rick Anhalt** - November 17, 2013 at 10:38 PM

JW

“ Eddie was my Captain on my first trip out of PHL after being bumped out of BWI. He was funny, intelligent, artistic, well read and just an interesting person to spend time with.  
Eddie, you will be missed and thought of fondly.

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**Joy Walton** - November 17, 2013 at 12:01 PM

GZ

“ I have often thought of Eddie and all of those fantastic trips when we flew together on the DC-9. I laughed so hard and so many times that the memories will last a lifetime. Your "EDDIE-torials" were some of the best literary works I had EVER read! They were so true and so meaningful especially during the times when the company was in great dynamics. Thank you for making the world a little brighter my friend... May God bless you and your family. You were an outstanding pilot and mentor, and I am glad I was able to spend some of my life with you on the flight deck.

Capt. Gregory A. Zahornacky

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**Gregory A Zahornacky** - November 15, 2013 at 02:23 PM

JB

“ A constant thorn in someone's side. Thanks for the sketches and tireless efforts to make all our lives better. Your legacy will not be forgotten. God bless.

John Bertelsen

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**john Bertelsen** - November 12, 2013 at 04:26 PM

RS

“ We have lost a great pilot, friend, philosopher, artist and wit.

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**Rusty Scann** - November 12, 2013 at 03:50 PM

MH

“ Your airline family is going to miss you. Always a quick wit and a smile!! GODSPEED my friend Eddie. Michele Hamlin

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**michele hamlin** - November 12, 2013 at 03:05 PM

EL

“ You will be sorely missed Eddie. Thank you for wonderful times, your scetches, your humor and intellegence. You made a huge impact on a lot of people. Thank you for being you. I just know you are going to help heaven help us~!!  
Love you!

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**Ellie** - November 12, 2013 at 02:11 PM

BJ

“ "Nothing more enjoyable than sharing a BAC One-Eleven cockpit with Captain Eddie. Godspeed my friend."

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**Bob Jacobs** - November 12, 2013 at 12:13 PM

BB

“ I will miss Eddie. His insight, sense of humor, and artistic ability made an impression on me since our first flight together. I still have a sketch that he made of me many years ago.  
Fair skies on your flight west my friend!

*Bill Bosma  
F/O PHL*

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**Billl Bosma** - November 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM



“ I know you're there still advocating for those you love and respect, Eddie. Your deep thinking, keen observations, wit, humor, and intelligence will stand as your legacy, sir...  
Godspeed.  
Kim Mortensen  
PHL F/O

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**K** - November 12, 2013 at 10:04 AM



“ *On to the next Adventure Captain Eddie !  
May It be good to you.  
You are remembered with kind thoughts.  
E*

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**E** - November 12, 2013 at 03:51 AM



“ *This is sad news. Eddie feared no one and was keenly capable of expressing himself and his opinions which left you with no doubts on his positions on issues. Eddie and I often debated politics and while we disagreed on many issues, there were as many issues we agreed on. We remained friends regardless of our debates. His knack of putting things in perspective will be missed. I will miss his missives, rants, his humor and his genuine love of flying. You will be missed Eddie. We all take that final flight west, until then Eddie, we will meet again.*

*Terry Fraser  
A330 Captain, Retired*

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**Terry Fraser** - November 12, 2013 at 03:43 AM



“ *When I think of Eddie, some words that come to my mind are funny, witty and smart. When you saw his name on the crew sheet, you knew you would have a great trip. He made our "airline world" a happier place.  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Evelyn Thornton  
retired USAirways Flight Attendant*

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**Evelyn Thornton** - November 11, 2013 at 05:29 PM



“ I flew with Eddie many times during my first few years and always looked forward to the next trip. He always had a unique perspective on life, politics, and the airline, and an even more unique way of expressing it. I never could pass by the bulletin board if I saw yellow paper posted. I hope they have a big supply of legal pads for him, they're gonna need it. Miss you Eddie.

*Pat Mallon*

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**Patrick Mallon** - November 11, 2013 at 03:27 PM

CC

“ He was one of the nicest, funniest, smartest people I knew. VERY glad I had the privilege of knowing him.

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**Christina C** - November 11, 2013 at 02:31 PM

RW

“ I flew with Fast Eddie for many years in PIT. He was a stand up guy. Godspeed Eddie.

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**Rich Watkins** - November 11, 2013 at 12:31 PM

MV

“ I first met Eddie from my time based in PIT, always ready with a smile and kind word. He will be missed by his many friends. God Bless.

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**Melayne Venable** - November 11, 2013 at 09:28 AM

KG

“ Eddie will be remembered by many crew members at US Airways. We send our sympathy to his loved ones. Arnold and Kara Gentile

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**kara gentile** - November 11, 2013 at 09:12 AM

FF

“ Eddie,  
*I will miss you my friend! You added such humor, wit and intellect to the pilot groups' struggles against a recalcitrant management cabal and its countless lapdogs. Your writings will do much to eulogize your intellect and wit in the minds of the US Airways pilot group for all time! Have a smooth flight my friend ... 'til we meet again.*

*Fred Freshwater  
B767 Capt (retired)*

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**Fred Freshwater** - November 10, 2013 at 10:02 PM

JD

“ *I knew Eddie from our time together in PIT. I am sorry to hear of his passing and extend my condolences to his family. I always enjoyed our interactions be it with aviation or philosophical discussions. He had a sharp wit and intuitive insight into the world around him. He did a few artwork covers for the US AIRWAVES.*

*John Davis*

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**John Davis** - November 10, 2013 at 09:18 PM

 Mary  
Golly

“ *Eddie shared many great stories when I as a USAirways flight attendant flew with him. The best one was his calling to being a pilot at age 13. He wrote it up for me to share in my upcoming memoir, book. Eddie was a friend and superbly humorous being people loved. He will be missed but mostly talked about for his intelligence and charisma that he exuded. Godspeed Eddie.*

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**Mary Golly** - November 10, 2013 at 09:16 PM



“ Eddie,  
You were the most junior member of the May 8, 1978 Allegany pilot new hire class, a truly unique class of pilots who came from all the different venues of aviation. I will truly miss your unique laughter, unique art, as well as your unique and insightful perspective on life, politics and professional aviation issues.  
With God's Speed fly safe and freely, my friend!  
Capt. H. J. Krenitsky  
Airbus 330

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**Harrison Krenitsky** - November 10, 2013 at 07:41 PM



“ My husband and I both flew with Eddie at USAirways. I was a Flight Attendant; my husband, a pilot. We appreciated his incredible intelligence and equally incredible sense of humor. I remember well flying with Eddie when he "buzzed" over Niagara Falls to the delight of the passengers which included quite a large group of Asians on vacation with cameras in hand. We trusted Eddie's skills as a pilot and enjoyed him as a human being. RIP, Eddie. Heaven just got even more interesting! Paulette & Gary Miller

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**Paulette & Gary Miller** - November 10, 2013 at 05:42 PM



“ Eddie was also a 'prolific' writer. I got some enjoyment from all his essays. RIP, Capt. Eddie!

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**Carl Chappell** - November 10, 2013 at 09:01 AM