



Donald J. Fremming

July 1, 1935 - September 11, 2010

Fremming

Dearest husband , father and friend, Donald J. Fremming, 75, entered the presence of our Heavenly Father, 11 Sep 2010. He is survived by: his wife, Jackie Fremming; daughters, Donna Contreras and Dianne King Greg; grandchildren, Jennifer Contreras, Spencer and Calvin King; great granddaughter, Sophie Contreras; nieces, Judy Corcelli Mike, Jackie Hughes David; nephew, Bill Fremming and his children, Jennifer, Kate and Natalie; and friends.

Donald was preceded in death by his son, David J. Fremming; his parents, TA & Nan Fremming, and brother, Bob Fremming.

Early in his life, the family moved from his birthplace of Grand Forks North Dakota to Fairmont Minnesota. He was a state champion gymnast and graduate of Fairmont High School. He attended Grinnell University Iowa and graduated from the University of Minnesota.

His aircraft experience began as a 15 year old with crop duster pilots in Fairmont. He became a 20 year United States Air Force world wide cargo transport pilot, flight instructor, flight examiner, initial cadre of the C-5A and then a four year aircraft maintenance officer. He piloted the first C-141 and C-

5A into Australia.

A leader, "The Frem" encouraged others to "Press on Smartly". Following his own advice, the retired pilot became "The Mower Man", as he volunteered the last 12 years of his life to groom God's landscape at Grace Point Baptist Church. His heart of service, dedication and faith in God as he faced adversity, inspired and blessed those he encountered.

Service

Visitation, Wednesday 15 Sep 2010 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. The Funeral Service will be held Thursday 16 Sep 2010 at 11:30 AM with interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 1:30 PM with Full Military Honors.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Donald was Dale Halls' cousin.

When Dale was gone Don and his wife visited Betty Halls in Rivet Falls, WI. She really appreciated this!

She told us about when Dale worked for Don's father selling fitness equipment.

*Clayton Halls
3307 Peninsula*

Clayton Halls - December 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear friends, airlift family, family & 'cousins'... I thank each of you for your comments.
I cherish the memories we all shared... blessings/jlf

jackie frem - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ sorry to everyone involved, and thanks for the haircut don never had one better.
CHAD

chad blanchette - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Frem was a flying legend. He was one of the best pilots I ever flew with in the 75th. He taught me a lot about flying which kept me out of trouble during my flying career. Frem was a GREAT pilot and a good friend – he will be missed by everyone.

Bart Hogan - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Cherish your memories always.

Jason and Sherri Collie - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Jackie,
This is for you and Don.
God Bless You Both.
Steve and Gilda.

High Flight

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split cloud*

Steve and Gilda Collie - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Jackie & family,
We are very saddened to hear of Frem's passing. Not only was he one of my best friends at Fairmont High School but we were honored to have Frem as a groomsman at our wedding. Our last meeting was at our 50th class reunion in 2003.

Ken & Barb Scheef - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Thanks for your great example as a pilot and as a friend.

Bob Dorman - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Jackie, my dear cousin, you are never far from my thoughts. This is in honor of a true American hero to all of us cousins and in memory of Don, who joined our big family joyfully. I just want to sing out one more time... "Silver wings shining in the sunl

B. Rose - September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Frem was one of the few real pilots in this world. Always good for a joke or two and just a very good man. Fly safe, Frem, we'll be looking for you...

Art Kveck - September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Great to fly with! Will be missed.

Philip M. Sanborn - September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Don worked in my office when I was Chief of Stanardization. We both were Initial Cadre in the 75th.MAS at Travis AFB. Our Squadron Commander was Col Doty

Roger L. Evans - September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Jackie...I know you remember our Fairfield breakfast those super scrambled eggs you made/get togethers. You became that very special part of Don's life...none above. It's times like that we don't think about times like these. I am sincerely sorry for losi

chuck blanchette - September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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LT

“ Jackie, our sincerest condolences. I was associated with and flew with Don in the C-141 at Travis in the mid to late 1960s. He was a professional in every respect of the word, a fine officer, real gentleman & an excellent pilot. I would guess these same

Lloyd Tincher - September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Well done good and faithful servant of Christ. Make a way for all of us your friends, to follow you to Our Saviour's Merciful embrace. May we in the end, join together at the Pearly Gates and celebrate another successful journey and sortie of the soul.

Roy Barnett - September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Great man to fly with, we will miss him.

Ron Sharp - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *The Frem was my mentor and friend when I was assigned to the C5A in 1973. He helped me with my short career in the Air Force. I will always remember him.*

Patrick Eck - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Jackie, My thoughts are with you during this time. I wish that it had been possible to be there with you. Don will be missed by all especially at the 5:00 o'clock hour. We will all remember the good times and know he is smiling down at us. Love, Jodie*

Jodie Curtis - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Jackie, we love you and you are in our prayers..*

Chad, Carrie, Emilie Ann, Sophie Lee - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *With deep sympathy, you will be missed.*

Lionel Garcia - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *A fine pilot and person by every standard of importance. Rest in Peace.*

Bill Wardwell - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Hi Jackie, You may not remember me but Don and I were good friends. Don was unique. We spent many a time together both on and off the job. I am truly sorry he is gone and I know that he is someone we will always remember. My very best, Frank Huskin

Frank Huskin - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I've encountered some real 'aces' in my flying career, but few who legitimately had a reputation that preceded them. Frem, my friend, there was never a time or circumstance that your smile, your humor and your presence didn't improve a testy situation or

Bud Robben - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Jackie and family, Ron & I have been neighbors for almost 15 years and consider you good friends. We are sorry for your loss and we will miss Don so much. Y'all are the nicest and kindness neighbors we have ever known. Our thoughts and prayers are w

Ron & Jean Metcalfe - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I am so sad to hear that I've lost one of my very best friends and flying buddies. When I was first assigned to C-5's at Travis as a Major selectee, Don was referred to in the squadron as "The Living Legend", and he was! He was an outstanding pilot and

John Lindgren & Gale Atwood - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ A fantastic pilot, wonderful human being and truly a closest friend and comrade. A leader with wit and humor. I well remember walking you, Jackie, down the aisle of the Travis Chapel on your wedding day.

A 75th MAS legend. See you at Fawns' For Lunch Bunc

Bruce R. Forsgren - September 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Don was one of the best to fly with. We shared many "adventures" and "misadventures" flying the C141 & C-5A. He possessed the unique ability to be in command as well as being a friend. God be with you "Field Kite Marshall".

Larry Niemotka - September 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ With love and hugs we send you thoughts of love and courage. Your friends at Five Lakes Aviation-
Betsy, Anastassiya, Doug & Al

"To live in hearts left behind is not to die." Thomas Campbell

al pelzer - September 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I'm going to miss making that call on July 1st to sing happy birthday to the Frem, a guy who taught me a lot about flying the 'big ones'. Have a safe trip, old buddy.

Chuck Ewing - September 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM