



Earl Webb Mayfield

August 30, 1927 - November 19, 2016

Earl Webb Mayfield, 89, passed away November 19, 2016. Born August 30, 1927 in Austin, Texas to William Tarlton & Mabel Vaughn Mayfield. He joined the US Marine Corp June 1945 at 17, was discharged in August 1946. Returned to Austin High School, graduated in June 1948. Married Doris Dickey, March 17, 1949 & had two daughters. Earl spent 4 ½ years in the Austin Fire Dept. as Chief Civilian Fire Inspector at Bergstrom Air Force Base. Moved his family to San Antonio in 1960, worked for Frontier Enterprises for many years & later Bill Miller's. Bought G/M Steak House in 1971, operated until he sold in 1993. During that time he purchased the property on FM 2252 in 1982, cleared the trees & built Kitty Hawk Flying Field. Owner/operator until he died. Married Sally Meyer in 1994. Earl was a lifetime Mason & active member of TRA for 35 years & was inducted into Hall of Fame in 1991.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers WT Mayfield & G. Vaughn Mayfield, of Austin, wife Sally Mayfield & his daughters mother Doris Mayfield. Survived by daughters Vicki Carlson (Rick Carlson) Joni Falcone (Paul Falcone) grandchildren Terri Harrison, Samuel Falcone & many nieces, nephews.

Earl had a good life & loved to help other people in any way that he could. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends & everyone at the Flying Field.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Earl's name either to the Alzafar Shrine or the Animal Defense League.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kitty Hawk Flying Field
20180 FM 2252
San Antonio, TX 78266

Tribute Wall



“ I am so very sorry to hear of Earl's passing. He was a wonderful man and a pleasure to know. I looked forward to seeing him every Sunday morning at Jim's. He was quite a character and will surely be missed. My sincerest condolences to his family. He touched so many lives.

Ruby Reynolds - December 03, 2016 at 12:10 PM



Ruby, he loved coming to Jim's for breakfast and seeing all of the people there. Thank you so much for your thoughts of him.

Joni Falcone - December 27, 2016 at 09:42 AM



“ Earl was always "Mr. Mayfield" to me because I always held him in the highest esteem. I meet his 6 years ago when my rocket club, the Alamo Rocketeers started flying at the Kitty Hawk Flying Field. He was always friendly and interested in what we were doing. Our rocket launches didn't seem complete until he visited us in his golf cart and ask us how things were going, He was always a supportive and gracious host. We will miss him.
Art Applewhite



Art Applewhite - November 30, 2016 at 03:45 PM



Thank you for sharing that Art!

Joni Falcone - November 30, 2016 at 07:35 PM



“ Earl was one of my favorite people ever, always interesting and/or fun to be around, a smart man about many things in addition to flying, and a helpful friend. Martin Jaeger taught me to fly at Kitty Hawk and after a few years I degraded into hot-shotting around the area. One day Earl quietly and calmly explained to me that some of the newer and younger pilots tended to emulate me occasionally and would I please consider not flying under the power lines because it might inspire others to do it and get themselves hurt. Made me realize what an idiot I am without hurting my feelings or making me resentful. Earl was always generous, and kind. In the past couple of decades when things became so much more expensive, a lot of my fellow pilots would have been priced out of ultralight flying if Earl hadn't held his line and kept hangar rental prices moderated, and most of us really appreciated that. You were a fine guy, Earl, and we will miss you greatly.

Brad Messer - November 30, 2016 at 12:12 PM



Thank you so much for sharing that Brad. He would appreciate your kind words.

Joni Falcone - November 30, 2016 at 07:38 PM

ME

“ The staff of www.MemorialDonations.org is sorry to hear of Earl's passing. We have received a memorial donation in their name to help those fighting cancer. Their page can be found here: www.memoriamdonations.org/memorial/show/Earl_Webb_Mayfield

MemoriamDonations.org - November 29, 2016 at 05:16 PM

SW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss of your father & grandfather. What an infectious smile he has. Keep your memories in your heart....they will get you thru your most difficult days. God Bless.

Santa Falcone Williamson - November 28, 2016 at 10:03 PM

BA

“ I am so thankful that I had the pleasure of knowing Earl Mayfield! He was a part of our "extended family" since my childhood & always a great pleasure to talk to...a real & normal, genuine & caring human being! He always told it like it was, no gimmicks.

I know he is in Gods' love & light now.

With warmest wishes & Gods' blessings to all of his dear family & friends.

Bob Abel

Bob Abel - November 28, 2016 at 08:17 PM



Thanks Bob, great memories our families growing up!

Joni Falcone - November 30, 2016 at 07:52 PM

MJ

“ Those many years ago with Earl presiding over operations at Kitty Hawk Airfield are some of the fondest memories of my life. Earl rented us the hangar in which we started our ultralight dealership and supported us as we grew the business. I remember Earl as an incredibly hard working, caring and fun loving man. I can still picture him serving burgers to pilots and visitors to the airfield on those busy weekends. I still see him on the tractor mowing and grooming the airfield. I recall many an evening with him storytelling over beers after a long days working and flying with friends. Earl made it all possible. He was a singular figure and friend to all... So many friends whose lives he touched, as he did mine. Over the years since that heyday I would occasionally visit the airfield for old times sake. Earl would still be at it keeping the place in top shape. He would take time to offer a beer and a chat about the good old days, family, life... Earl had a wisdom about things and a fatherly way that I will never forget... I always enjoyed our talks. Had the good fortune of such a visit only a few weeks ago. Long time pilot friends Dennis Narciso, Mickey Chadwell and I had lunch with Earl at his home. We had a wonderful time reminiscing about those days, a lifetime ago now... Those very special days and that very special place, where we all had wings. Thanks again Earl...

— Martin Jaeger

Martin Jaeger - November 28, 2016 at 12:37 PM



Thank you for sharing those wonderful memories of my Dad.

Joni Falcone - November 28, 2016 at 09:40 PM

MO

“ I kept a plane and flew out of Kitty Hawk for many years. Lots of good memories. I will truly miss seeing Earl's smiling face.
Martha Oppenheim

Martha Oppenheim - November 28, 2016 at 01:25 AM

TV

“ The Vital family sends our deepest sympathy. Syd and Pat loved flying and spending time at Kitty Hawk. Many years of wonderful memories. I once read: When someone you love becomes a memory, the memories become treasures. We are truly sorry for your loss.

Twyla Vital - November 27, 2016 at 07:26 PM



Thank you Twyla

Joni Falcone - November 27, 2016 at 08:26 PM

WE

“ It is hard to believe Earl is gone. I am sure that my mother, Sally Mayfield, was waiting for him. We will all miss his kindness, sense of humor and advice. I had never seen him in a bad mood, even when my Mom was not happy with him! That's when he started saying "AMF" (all my fault). Earl said, that little saying saved him a lot of time! Earl took great care of my mother, and for that, I will always be grateful to him. He was so proud of his daughters and grandchildren. He fought a hard fight for 2 years against cancer. We will always love and miss him. Joni, we are here if you need anything.

The Fuller Family

Wendy - November 27, 2016 at 05:46 PM



Thank you so much Wendy

Joni Falcone - November 27, 2016 at 08:25 PM

WB

“ To the family of Earl Mayfield, May God Bless you and keep you in his heart always. I will always remember how handsome he would look coming into the clinic with his black stetson on. He was the most sweetest gentle man you could ever know. You will be forever missed always.
Love Wanda blackwell

Wanda Blackwell - November 27, 2016 at 05:37 PM



Thank you so much Wanda

Joni Falcone - November 27, 2016 at 08:25 PM

JC

“ *The family of Robert Cubberly sends our condolences to his family. Earl and Bob were good friends at the airport for 20 years. They were both very strong in their battle of cancer. I will be at the service. God Bless you all and Rest in Peace Earl.*

Jan Cubberly

Jan Cubberly - November 27, 2016 at 02:36 PM

CW

“ Hello,

Earl was my step-father and although his relationship with my mother ended decades ago, we stayed in touch, often meeting at his favorite restaurants. You could always count on seeing his smile and hearing that laugh. Oh, that laugh! You couldn't be in a bad mood in his presence. He would smile and laugh you right into a great day.

He's the only father who every treated me like I was worth anything. Unlike most people, he didn't see the little fat girl that everyone else saw. He saw a bright, talented, tender hearted little girl wishing for someone to believe in her.

When I was 18, I rented a home from him and when the kitchen caught fire, I ended up in the hospital with severe burns for a very lengthy stay. Although it was very difficult for him to see me in that state at the hospital, he reached out in his own way. He made darn sure that the house was repaired with no tell-tale sign of what had happened there so that when I returned home, I didn't have to face those memories.

He helped me through the most difficult times of my life including divorce and the loss of two sisters. He never tried to fix me or solve things for me. He just listened patiently, gently guiding me to the my own conclusion and then supported me with unconditional love.

I love you. Thank you for being there all those years for me. I am a better person because of you and you'll forever be in my heart. I will never enter a Jim's Restaurant without thinking of you Dad.

--Carol J. Wilson



Carol Wilson - November 26, 2016 at 07:50 PM



Thank you for sharing that Carol, he loved you too!

Joni Falcone - November 30, 2016 at 07:42 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Joni Falcone - November 26, 2016 at 12:17 AM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Joni Falcone - November 25, 2016 at 10:20 PM