



Captain Jack Linwood Miner

June 30, 1927 - October 11, 2021

Captain Jack Linwood Miner, 94, of Asheville, NC passed away October 11, 2021, after declining health at Brooks Howell Home where he was a resident. Born June 30, 1927, in Norfolk, VA. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Linwood and Ida Virginia Gregory Miner, wife, Winifred (Renie) Davis Miner, brothers, George J Miner, Ernest F Miner, James E Miner, sister, Mabel I Miner, infant son, Jack L Miner Jr and son, Bruce A Miner. He is survived by his son, Rev David (Lori) Miner of Troutman, NC and Mark (Amy) Miner of Advance, NC and daughter in law, Teresa Miner of Viera, FL. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, James (Teresa) Miner, Patrick (Sarah) Chipley, David (Alex) Miner Jr, William Miner, Rachael (Joshua) Stewart, Jacquelyn (Auston) Miner Patrick, Karla (Peter) Freeman, Alana (Judson) Hand and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Jack was active for over 45 years at Sharon United Methodist Church in Lewisville, NC. Prior to that an active member of Haygood Methodist Church in Virginia Beach, VA, the Gideon's of Winston-Salem and also a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America leading troops in Virginia and North Carolina. Growing up in a family of carpenters, Jack's early work was in construction but it was while serving in the Army Air Corps that he found his love for aviation and flying. It was while in service that he met the love of his life Renie and their marriage lasted for over 66 years until Renie's passing in 2013. He earned his pilot's license in 1947 and in 1957, he began work with Piedmont Aviation at Norfolk Municipal Airport to build his flight proficiency. He

later was hired on with Piedmont Airlines as a First Officer on the DC-3 in 1961. In 1966, he transferred from Norfolk to Winston-Salem as Captain. For over 26 years Captain Jack "Big Daddy" Miner proudly flew for Piedmont before his retirement in 1987. Throughout his career in aviation, Jack fostered a passion for serving others through service in missions where he could share his Christian faith but also the skills as a carpenter that he learned as a child. Jack and Renie were very active in the United Methodist Church locally, throughout the Western North Carolina Conference and also globally. Soon after his retirement from Piedmont Airlines he and Renie became very involved in Habitat House Building teams and United Methodist Volunteer in missions building teams. He started the Diengenga Trade School at Lodja in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Central Congo Annual Conference renamed the school in 2012 to the Jack & Renie Miner Technical Institute in recognition of their continued heartfelt support for the advancement of education in the region. Their passion for service in the Congo created a bond with the Congolese that will last for many years. Jack also maintained his Piedmont Airlines connection with the Piedmont Silver Eagles in the Winston-Salem area making sure they held monthly breakfasts to recount memories well after their retirements until his health started to decline. His love for what he did, wherever he was, could be seen in his big smile and passion for humor. The family would especially like to express appreciation to the staff and employees of Brooks Howell Home for their outstanding care of Jack while he was a resident there.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held 3:00 pm, Sunday, October 24, 2021, at Sharon United Methodist Church, 5330 Sharon Church Road, Lewisville, NC followed by visitation with the family. The family requests that any Memorials may be placed in Jack's Honor to The Jack & Renie Miner Technical Institute in Diengenga, DRC <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/3021397/> or the Sharon United Methodist Improvement Fund, Sharon United Methodist Church, 5330 Sharon Church Road, Lewisville, NC 27023.

Morris Funeral and Cremation Care is serving the family and condolences

may be sent to the family at www.morrisfamilycare.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Sharon United Methodist Church
5330 Sharon Church Road
Lewisville, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Captain Jack Linwood Miner*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Captain Jack Linwood Miner.*



October 23, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Captain Jack Linwood Miner.*



October 23, 2021 at 01:20 AM



“ *Kelly lit a candle in memory of Captain Jack Linwood Miner*



kelly - October 22, 2021 at 07:24 PM

KM

“ Sincere condolences to the family. Thank you for sharing his wonderful life story, his amazing accomplishments are inspiring.

Kelly Myers - October 22, 2021 at 07:12 PM

JN

“ I never had the opportunity to meet Captain Jack Miner but I'm confident he is a mountain of a man. To read the life story and investments made helping others is impressive and inspiring! A great man that I'm sure will be missed my many around the world!
Joel Nelson

Joel Nelson - October 22, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Captain Jack Linwood Miner.



October 22, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Captain Jack Linwood Miner.



October 21, 2021 at 08:02 PM

TH

“ It has been many years but Jack left a lasting impression . A excellent airman but mostly a kind , gentle soul . Thanks for the memories . Tom Harris

Tom Harris - October 20, 2021 at 11:44 AM

JH

“ It was an honor to fly with Jack. I will always cherish the memories of his PA announcements. My condolences to the Family.

James Holada - October 19, 2021 at 02:53 PM

BM

“ It's been more than 40 yrs for me, but as anyone who flew with Jack will tell you, he was the BEST! Always smooth & easy going & everyone loved the boat whistle PA announcements. I remember the time we took off on time from GSO in the old Fairchild & when I called the times back to company, they informed that a late passenger had shown up. Jack said we'll go back & get him & we did! That would never happen in today's world, but that was the Piedmont way.



Many thanks to David for his efforts to send reminders for the Winston breakfasts & bringing his dad every time he could. It was a great pleasure to see Jack again after so many yrs & to meet both Jack & Mark. Jack will be greatly missed by many. My condolences to the family

Bob Merritt - October 19, 2021 at 11:22 AM

CC

“ Loved flying with Big Daddy, Captain Jack. He was a great pilot and a professional Gentleman. He will be missed. He took me for a lot of airplane rides.

Captain Bill Carico - October 19, 2021 at 10:22 AM

RB

“ Our thoughts and prayers to you David and your family
John 11:25-26

Ron Beck - October 19, 2021 at 08:03 AM

RW

“ Captain Jack was so much fun to fly with at Piedmont Airlines .
Early in my career , I flew many trips with Captain > Jack Miner .
Myself along with other copilots all had Great stories to tell about
their time flying with Jack . He was truly loved by his copilot and
especially myself . Jack was always a happy Captain and made the
flight deck > a great work environment . I always look forward to
seeing his name on my trips . I would always ask him to do funny
stuff and make great funny announcement on the PA .
Jack had the best PA's to our beloved passengers .
Along with many others copilots > we will never forget Jack . He
was the best !

I Loved him , dearly .

Robert Lee Whitt > first Officer

Robert Whitt - October 18, 2021 at 09:35 PM

MR

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family, May God be with
you through this difficult time.

MONICA RINCON - October 18, 2021 at 04:28 PM

BW

“ Chig and I were very sad to hear about jack's death. We loved Renie and Jack and have so many wonderful memories of times spent with them both in our home and in church. Sending prayers to the family. We rejoice that we will all be together again in the Sweet Bye and Bye.

Brenda and Chig Wills - October 16, 2021 at 11:39 AM

CF

“ What a great man! All of us share in this lose! Deepest sympathies to the family
Jack's Piedmont Silver Eagles Family

Colleen Fields - October 16, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Captain Jack Linwood Miner.



October 15, 2021 at 08:11 PM