

S. Chris Tuckfield

July 4, 1952 ~ November 23, 2024

“The lure of flying is the lure of beauty. The dramas of the clouds, the glory of the stars, the charm of landscapes, and the wonders of the waters and skies have, to me, an irresistible appeal.” - Amelia Earhart

Stewart Chris Tuckfield, 72, passed away on Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, in his home in Draper, Utah. Chris endured a long and difficult battle with cancer. He fought the disease with great courage and optimism, and never lost his sense of humor.

Born on July 4th in Independence, MO, Chris grew up in the Kansas City area with his mother and father and three brothers. He was a loyal fan of both the Kansas City Chiefs and the Royals. He married his wife Lee Ann Tuckfield (Dorius), in 1980, and moved with his family to Salt Lake City in 1985. He loved being near the mountains, and enjoyed skiing, fishing and playing golf.

Chris always had a passion for flying and aviation. While attending college, he decided to give skydiving a try. After completing 75 successful jumps, he realized that he no longer wanted to jump out of perfectly good airplanes, and began pursuing flight training. He worked hard to pay for his flight time, working three jobs at one point, until he finally accumulated enough flight hours to fly professionally. He was hired as a Flight Engineer on the Boeing 727 for United Airlines in June, 1985. He retired from United as a Captain on the Boeing 777 in July, 2017. He continued flying his own Cessna after retirement, and joined the Civil Air Patrol as a Safety Officer in 2023.

He is preceded in death by his father, Richard M. Tuckfield, his mother, Jeane M. Tuckfield, and his grandson, Ethan Tuckfield. He is survived by his wife: Lee Ann Tuckfield: his son, Sean (Ashlee) and their son, Morgan: his daughter, Amanda (Christopher) and their children, Paul, Siena and Everly: his brothers: Cary (Beth), Kevin (Kristin) and Clayton, and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the nurses and staff at Huntsman at Home for the compassionate care given to Chris in his final days. Chris was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 11am at Larkin Mortuary - Riverton, 3688 West 12600 South in Riverton, Utah. A visitation will be held prior to services beginning at 9:30am. Memorial services will be streamed via Zoom for those wishing to attend virtually. To watch the previously held services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Huntsman Cancer Institute here.