



Eugene Frederick Powers

November 1, 1956 - July 31, 2008

Eugene Frederick Powers was born on the first day of November in 1956 in Brooklyn, New York to Thomas David Powers and Joan Mary Powers nee Staples. The family moved to West Islip, Long Island where Gene graduated from St. John the Baptist High School. He graduated from SUNY at Stony Brook with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Gene joined the United States Army in 1985 and served honorably in Operation Desert Storm. His military experience fueled his passion for flying which only grew stronger over time. His twenty-five years of aviation experiences are too numerous to list, but he was finally able to realize his dream when the hanger doors of his company Wind Dancer Aviation opened in April of 2007. Gene was the beloved of his wife Diane Marie Powers nee Campbell. They were married in 1985 in Newport News, Virginia, and shared and lived many dreams together. Of his many accomplishments, the two that were most precious to him are the daughters he leaves behind. Stephanie St. John is a Mechanical Engineering major at the University of Florida, and Amanda Storm will be a senior in the International Baccalaureate program at Ridgeview High School. Gene also leaves behind his step-son Kerry Gerard Griffin Jr., his brothers Thomas, Kevin & Richard Powers, his sisters Elizabeth Murtha and Jennifer Powers, his father and mother-in-law, Robert and Patricia Brazil, as well as ten nieces and six nephews. In addition to his friends and family, Gene will be greatly missed by his fellow pilots in the Saint Augustine Airport Pilots Association (SAAPA) and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA).

Services will be held at 3 PM Thursday at the Craig Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend David Shokes officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 pm Wednesday evening at the funeral home chapel.

In lieu of Flowers, those wishing may make a contribution to the:

Stephanie and Amanda Powers Educational Fund
c/o Community First Credit Union
3149 North Ponce de Leon Blvd.
St. Augustine, FL 32084

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Craig Funeral Home Crematory Memorial Park - January 18, 2011 at 12:34 PM



“ May you find comfort in the memories that are yours to cherish always, and strength in the companionship of those who share your loss...He will always be remembered as you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant, may you find comfort...And, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family. All those sleeping in their graves will wake up and sing for joy. As the sparkling dew refreshes the earth, so the Lord will revive those who have long been dead."-Isa. 26:19.

Magallon Family - August 07, 2008 at 12:43 PM



“ Diane and family,

My thoughts are with you, your children and your family during this difficult time.

Lori Engler - August 06, 2008 at 11:48 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, my condolences to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bob Guide - August 06, 2008 at 07:11 PM



“ Diane, Stephanie, Amanda and family.....My heart breaks for each of you in knowing the pain you are going through. Sometimes, it's so hard to understand why bad things happen to such good people.

Gene was not only a next door neighbor, but someone that I knew I could call on at any time and knew he would help me out if I needed help. Over the years, we've called on his help with different things more than once. He was a very kind, thoughtful and gentle man.

I remember one day out in the front yard, seeing a snake and screamed to Gene to kill it. He wouldn't.....saying he couldn't hurt anything.

There was also the time when we had an overabundance of chickens and roosters in our neighborhood. They kept breeding and the roosters kept multiplying, so that at daybreak, it was impossible to sleep in.

Everyone was complaining except Gene. He promptly went to work building a chicken coop to catch them in and then gave them to someone that raised chickens. Everyone else was trying to decide how to "get rid" of them. Like I said, Gene was a gentle man in spirit and actions. Gene, you will be missed. You were a good neighbor and an honorable man. Your family has much to be proud of. Sleep well, my friend.

Dana Crabtree - August 06, 2008 at 02:58 PM



“ Mrs. Powers and family, My deepest sympathy is with you as you are going through this tough time.No words can really comfort you, But the memories of Gene that you have deep in your heart may help relieve some of your pain.You shall be our families prayers

Melissa Rodriguez - August 06, 2008 at 02:20 PM



“ Diane and family, my deepest condolences. Gene was so much more than a business associate of mine. He was the kind of true friend you consider yourself blessed to have. His knowledge, dedication and wit will be sorely missed. God bless you all and Godspeed Gene ...

Hawk Hunley - August 06, 2008 at 09:35 AM



“ Mrs Powers I am so sorry to hear about your husband. I just wanted to let you know that you and your family are in my prayers

Ronnie Rodriguez - August 05, 2008 at 11:30 PM



“ I was honored to be your friend and employee. You shared your knowledge of aviation and life which I will carry with me always. You will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers to your family.

Robert Savela and family - August 05, 2008 at 12:35 PM



“ I just wanted to let you know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Please do let me know if there is anything I can do.

God Bless!

Alan

Alan Winters - August 05, 2008 at 11:14 AM