



## Larry Frederick Grindrod

June 30, 1940 - March 4, 2021

Larry Frederick Grindrod was born on June 30, 1940 in Carlisle, PA. to parents George and Pauline Egolf Grindrod. Ever since he saw his first airplane at the age of 2 he knew he wanted to be flying high into the skies. Larry and his family moved to Florida where he graduated with the first class of Northeast High School in St. Petersburg. Following High School, Larry joined the Air Force and then went on to join the Civil Air Patrol where he attained the rank of Colonel. During his time with the Civil Air Patrol he was the commander of the Alaska unit for many years. Larry held many FAA certifications in all types of aircraft, from single engine to large cargo aircraft. In between his life long love of flight he completed his BA in Business from Auburn University. Larry was part of many clubs, groups and society's including, The Coastal Soaring Society, The Quiet Birdman Society and the Ham Radio society where his call sign was K4LFG. He was also a member of the Northside Masonic Lodge and Pensacola lodge #42 where he obtained the rank of 32\* Scottish Right member. When he was not flying he was an avid reader who also enjoyed golf and watching baseball, especially his beloved Atlanta Braves.

Larry passed away peacefully on March, 4 2021. He is predeceased by his parents , George Grindrod and Russ and Pauline Egolf Owen and his brother James Grindrod. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Grindrod; daughter, Tara Schneider; grandchildren Aaron and Mindel Schneider of Brooklyn, NY; niece, Donna Junkins (Mark) and their children. Larry and his family made many friends throughout the United States. He will be missed by all who had the chance to know him. The family asks in lieu of flowers to please make donations to the American Heart Association.

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 clouds,-and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of-wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air....

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark nor ever eagle flew-  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God

# Comments

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“ Larry was a wonderful husband and father, he remained Mary's "wing man" through and through. We are saddened by his loss, but honored to have cared for him. His sense of humor brought smiles to everyone around him, always having a great joke or witty comeback, his company was definitely unique! He will always remain in our hearts and we will miss him dearly.

With Love,

Jessica and Ana



**Jessica Bichsel** - March 22 at 04:03 PM

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“ Larry was a kind and gentle man. A man of few words. When Mary was so sick in NY, she said that he never left her side. When they were transferred back to their home in Pensacola, he continued to do everything that he could do to help her get better. After Mary was able to be left alone, He returned to his second love: going to the airport every morning. He would return home by late morning to take Mary out for lunch. Larry's love for Mary was an example on how to live life. We miss you Larry. RIP Larry! We love you Mary.  
With all of our love,  
Daniel and Sandy Pyritz

**Sandra Pyritz** - March 20 at 08:43 PM

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“ Mary and Larry shared a devotion so full of love and respect for each other, always a joy being around these dear precious friends, we treasure our friendship, we love you Mary and your dear family, you all, will always be in our hearts....Sharon and Tommy Willis

**Sharon WILLIS** - March 15 at 11:47 PM

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“ Larry was such a sweet, loving & fun spirit. His unending love for Mary goes on into the Heavens. We can hardly see an airplane overhead without thinking of him. Our love to Mary & the family. We love & miss you so!  
Carol, Liz & Eric

**Carolyn Booth** - March 12 at 10:00 PM

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“ I always enjoyed being around Larry. And not that he needed to show the world what kind of a man he was he sure did by his devotion to Mary after her illness. He is another patch in the quilt that makes up my life.  
Love to Mary  
Joanne Perry March 12

**Joanne Perry** - March 12 at 11:30 AM

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“ He was my North, my South, my East and my West  
He was my best.  
My heart hurts and it is hard to be the M without the L  
He was special in every way  
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**Mary Grindrod** - March 11 at 08:57 AM



“ Love & miss you so! Carol Booth

**Carolyn Booth** - March 12 at 09:57 PM

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“ I value the friendship that I have had with Mary and Larry. I have had so much fun playing pool with Larry and Mary keeping score for several of us playing. Wish we could do it again and it will always be in my memories! He was so funny at times and had us all laughing! Mary, I love both of you and treasure you're friendship.

**Madeline Webster** - March 09 at 03:56 PM

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“ I’m so sorry to hear of Larry’s death. Although I never flew with him, I know he was a great aviator. I send my deepest condolences.

**Ron Hall, Pensacola QBs** - March 09 at 09:30 AM

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“ Please know I'm thinking of you.  
Randy Read

**Randy Read** - March 08 at 06:03 PM

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“ Tara Schneider lit a candle in memory of Larry Frederick Grindrod



**Tara Schneider** - March 08 at 05:22 PM