



## Timothy A. Shepley

December 20, 1962 - December 6, 2020

Timothy A. Shepley, 57, of Sycamore, passed away Sunday evening on Dec. 6, 2020, in Barrington, IL with his family at his side.

Capt. Shepley was born Dec. 20, 1962, in Millersburg, PA. Tim graduated from Shippensburg University and completed his master's degree at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Following graduation, Tim rode his bike across America from Delaware to San Diego. With pride and honor, Tim served in the U.S.A.F. during the Gulf War flying and instructing on the T-37, T-38 and KC-10 aircraft.

Following his military service, Tim began a 25-year flying career with United Airlines. He held the positions of Flight Engineer on the DC-10 and First Officer on the 737 and 757/767 aircraft. He rose to the position of Captain on the Airbus A319/A320 and the Boeing 737 aircraft. He had a passion for flying, teaching as well as bicycling.

His memory will forever be treasured by his loving wife, Beth (Bowers) whom he married January 8, 1994 in Shreveport, LA; children, Andrew, Abigail, and Maggie; mother, Mildred Shepley; brothers, Vince (Evy) Shepley, Jim (Amy) Shepley; mother-in-law, Betty Bowers, brothers-in-law, Brian (Holly) Bowers, Blaine (Barbara) Bowers; and sister-in-law, Bonny (Brod) Bourque.

He is preceded in death by his father; brother-in-law, William Bowers; and father-in-law, William A. Bowers.

Visitation for Tim will be from 4 to 5:30 PM Wednesday, Dec. 16 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 297 E. Jefferson Ave., Hampshire, IL. Due to COVID-19 masks and social distancing will be required.

A prayer service will follow at 5:30.

Mr. Shepley's Funeral Mass will be held in Andersonville, Georgia with burial in Andersonville National Cemetery.

Any donations that are made, we'd like to collect, organize and donate to flight training scholarships in Tim's name for the future, please send c/o Timothy Shepley Scholarship Fund to Fredrick Funeral Home, PO Box 445, Hampshire, IL 60140

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16.** 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
297 E. Jefferson Ave.  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *My deepest condolences. Tim and I played E flat trumpets in the Ship marching band. He was always a great guy.*

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**John Miller** - May 27, 2021 at 07:03 PM

VB

“ *I flew with Tim many times at UAL before I retired. Good Pilot, Great Guy. Was very surprised to hear this news.*

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**Vic Beck** - December 18, 2020 at 05:34 PM

GK

“ *I knew Tim since since we were small children growing up in the same church attending Sunday school and Youth Fellowship. I have many fond memories growing up thru high school and then Tim went to pursue his dream of flying and did it!*

*It's hard to find a better person and man then Tim and he will be missed dearly by his family. I was blessed and fortunate to have known him.*

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**Gregory Koppenhaver** - December 14, 2020 at 07:14 PM

DM

“ *We are heartbroken by the loss our friend Tim. On any given beautiful day he would show up riding his bike and sit on our patio and chat. He and Andrew were our favorite campsite visitors at Oshkosh. He was a proud parent, a great pilot (loved his plane), a great husband, and a wonderful friend. We will miss him so much. Our prayers are with you Beth, Andrew, Maggie and Abby. Love Tom and Debbie Moquin*

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**Debbie and Tom Moquin** - December 14, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Timothy A. Shepley.



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December 13, 2020 at 09:03 PM

DF

“Wow...Where do I even begin. Tim and I knew each other since before Kindergarten and were friends for many many years. So many good memories of my times with my friend Tim...Friday night marathon ping-pong games at the church; listening to his transistor radio missing the antenna. We used to run a wire to a fold up metal chair and set it on the table so we could get reception! The time we changed the "Elect Judge Morrison" sign to "Elect JIM Morrison"! That one went up in the dorm room! And then there was the time we went sailing in LA. Neither of us had ever sailed before. I had no idea what I was doing and he had only read books on it. We finally got the boat going like crazy and I looked at him and said, "Man, we're really moving!" and he laughed and said "Yeah, but we're supposed to be going the other way!" I said "whatwe do!" and he said "just keep going!!" I have so many good memories of my friend Tim; this could easily be a novella! Watching weird late late movies like "What's up Tiger Lily" where even years later one of us would start a quote from the movie and the other one would finish it! Tim's sense of humor and mine blended so well. The horse back riding trip we took in Texas where the rancher warned us not to bring the horses back "all sweated up". Half and hour into the ride and we had barely made it out of the corral and Tim turns around and yells to me "Hey Dave! You think we're getting them to sweated up!" I have a picture of Tim looking into a garbage can with his hands above his head as if to say "What?". Because across the road is a sign pointing to the garbage can that says "Historic Site..Pioneer Home". We hiked back about 1/2 mile and there really was the remnants of a pioneer home, but the sign pointing at the garbage can just really cracked us both up!

Tim was a great man and he followed his dreams. He always wanted to fly and HE DID IT! So few people follow their passions the way that Tim did and I admire him dearly for that.

Beth, Andrew, Abigail, and Maggie; I know how much you will miss him, and I am so sorry for your loss. I am sure he was a good husband and father. He was a good son to his mother Mildred, and

*a good brother to Vince and Jim. I guess we will just need to appreciate the time we were able to spend with him. I know that my life was better because my friend Tim was in it; and just my free association thinking of the memories I wrote from above, can still bring a smile to my face.*

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**David Franke** - December 13, 2020 at 07:18 PM

CH

“ *Our deepest condolences. May your memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Carol and De Howard** - December 13, 2020 at 06:23 PM

BB

“ *Tim... such a Great neighbor, he always kept us in line. Such a loss is so hard to understand when he had so much more wisdom to share. Our thoughts & prayers continue to help Beth, Andrew ,Abbie & Maggie through this difficult time.. RIP Tim you will be missed*

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**Brian & Babe** - December 13, 2020 at 10:34 AM

JH

“ *Shepley family, May God grant you the peace that only he can give at this time of loss. Tim was an awesome person. I only wish I could have had him as a pilot on one of my trips. God Bless you all! Fly high TIm.*

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**Judy Harris** - December 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM