



## Mr. William John Hobek Sr.

November 26, 1928 - July 19, 2013

Capt. Bill "Porky" Hobek went to be with the Lord on Friday, July 19, 2013. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 26, 1928, Porky was a devoted Roman Catholic and life-long Pittsburgh Steelers fan. Upon graduating from high school, Bill worked a few lucrative jobs, such as cab driver, bowling pin setter, and funeral home undertaker, before being drafted into the US Army and serving in the Korean War. Upon his return from the war, he worked in the insurance industry before embarking on a successful career as an airline pilot. He trained in a Piper Cub aircraft, before being hired by Eastern Airlines in June 1956. During Porky's 32 year career there, he flew the Lockheed Super Constellation, the Convair, DC3, DC4, DC5, DC7, DC8, 727, A300 and retiring as a senior Captain on his all-time favorite airplane the L-1011.

While at EAL, he met and married the love of his life, Darlene "Dorklene" Ramph. Pork and Dork were happily married for 45 years. They had 4 children, Bill Jr, (Traci, Jake) Lesli, Mike, (DJ) and Shawn (Becca). Bill is also survived by a brother, Henry Hobek (Cathy) and a sister Mary Hobek, along with many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

During retirement, Porky spent time building a carpet cleaning business with Bill Jr, and enjoyed watching 3 of his children follow in his footsteps and become airline pilots. He also enjoyed traveling to Europe, especially Italy to

see the Vatican and Germany for their bratwurst and beer. His favorite travel location and one he frequented NUMEROUS times during retirement was Las Vegas.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, July 24 from 6-8 pm at DiGusipe Funeral Home in Maitland, Florida. (across from Lil 500)

Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, July 25 at 9:30 am at Church of Annunciation Catholic Church.

Celebration of Porky's life immediately following the Funeral Mass at Oakmonte Village in Lake Mary, Florida.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - July 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Billy Hobek--what a fun guy. I have pleasant memories of flying with Bill on the 727 in the 70's and the L1011 in the eighties. With Bill there was never a dull moment. We all get old and we will all take that final trip west. Many of us in the Eastern family mourn your loss and we will remember Bill with great fondness.

Gary Vice, Captain, E.A.L. Ret.

Gary Vice - August 17, 2013 at 02:25 PM

GM

“ Dearest Dar-san and Children: As I read your e-mail about Bill the tears came and I hurt for each of you. What a joyous union of soul mates as I think of you and Bill together, and what a wonderful family that is so close and loving. You were all blessed. My thoughts and love are with each of you as you handle this unimaginable loss. God Bless You.



Geri

Geri Martorano - August 04, 2013 at 12:46 PM

AA

“ Dear sweet Hobek family there are not words worthy to describe the great man Mr. Hobek was and will always be. My heart is so sad for you. Mr. Hobek was the most loving caring person with sweetness wrapped all over. Thank you for sharing "Porky" with the world it has been our honor to know such a wonderful man!!!  
With love and prayers, Adrian, Charlie, Samantha & Quin Arthur

Adrian Arthur - August 03, 2013 at 02:25 PM



“ Silver Victorian Tear Bottle with FREE Matching Tray was purchased for the family of Mr. William John Hobek Sr..



August 03, 2013 at 01:53 PM

YH

“ Yasmin, Yoko And Will Hobek lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



Yasmin, Yoko and Will Hobek - July 28, 2013 at 12:27 PM

MM

“ To The Hobeks,

*I send to you all love, hugs and prayers for the tremendous loss of your wonderful Father/Husband. I know each of you kids thought the world of him, and Darlene, you two are one of the happiest married couples I have ever known. One thing I will never forget about Mr. Hobek is the way he always had people just in stitches laughing at whatever story he was telling, or opinion he was sharing- he was hilarious in views and the way he shared them. He could tell a story like no other, and that charismatic charm is just one of the many endearing qualities he passed on to each of his wonderful kids. My stomach hurts from laughing each time I am with you Hobeks.... You all share his sense of humor and one of the many things i love about all of you. He also had a knack for making people see the big picture and cut through the BS-. All of these wonderful qualities make his name of "Captain" so appropriate. I loved his zest for life and his ability to always make others feel appreciated and important.....God bless to all of you Hobeks, for going through a loss like no other....I love you all, and hope you can find comfort in the upcoming days knowing he is no longer in pain, but is now celebrating life the way you always remembered him....*

*XXOO- Love to each of you and every one of you--  
Megan (Nunnery) McKinnon*

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**Megan (Nunnery) McKinnon** - July 25, 2013 at 04:14 PM

KK

“ Dear Hobek family,

*Steve and I are so sorry for the loss of Mr. Hobek. He was such a terrific person and the majority of our memories are filled with laughter. I am sure he is up in Heaven drinking a Crown Royal or Blue Nun wine, 2 of his favorites at our house! We are glad you have each other at this time, what he was most proud of, his family. Prayers, love, and hugs are being sent your way.*

*Love,  
Kathryn and Steve*

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**Kathryn Klineman** - July 25, 2013 at 02:20 AM

WE

“ Weze sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



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**Weze** - July 24, 2013 at 10:53 PM

WE

*Love and Miss you Handsome Thir!! Rest in peace!!*

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**Weze** - July 24, 2013 at 10:54 PM

BH

“ Bob. & Nancy Hobek lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



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**Bob. & Nancy Hobek** - July 24, 2013 at 08:45 PM

AW

“ *To Darlene and Family: Bill will be dearly missed, his beautiful spirit and smile will always be remembered. May God's peace and fond memories comfort you.*

*Lovingly,  
Winston, Alison, Ariell, Tyrell and Quintin*

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**Alison Williams** - July 24, 2013 at 04:41 PM

BK

“ *Barbara Webb And Robert Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.*



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**Barbara Webb and Robert Kimble** - July 24, 2013 at 04:03 PM

RC

“ *Renee Cascone lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.*



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**Renee Cascone** - July 24, 2013 at 11:54 AM

CH

“ To Darlene and Family: We are saddened by the loss of Bill, my brother, brother-in-law, your husband and father of Bill, Mike, Wese, and Shawn. We had many wonderful times growing up together as members of a wonderful family. We pray for you all and mostly for Bill. We love you all and pray that God will lessen the grief and shock. He leaves a void in our families that cannot be filled. God bless him and you all. Our love, Cathy and Hank

Catherine Hobek - July 24, 2013 at 08:40 AM

DH

“ DJ ("CJ") Hobek lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



DJ ("CJ") Hobek - July 24, 2013 at 07:49 AM

DM

“ Mike, You and your family are in our prayers today. You have been Blessed with a wonderful father for so many years. Time will help you survive the terrible empty spot in your heart but it will never go away completely until you you join your father again in Heaven. Your Dad will enjoy this final trip West. God Bless , Dave McNeill



Dave McNeill - July 24, 2013 at 05:48 AM

AB

“ Andy And Emily Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



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**Andy and Emily Burns** - July 23, 2013 at 10:22 PM

MP

“ Our uncle Bill was one of a kind! He always had a smile and nickname for everyone. He and Darlene were made for each other. I was honored to be a bridal matron at the wedding of Bill and Darlene. Together they raised a wonderful family, Bill ("the boss"), Leslie (weze), Mike and Shawn (bad baby). For me, he was my Godfather who present at every important event of my life. Bill, angels escorted you to heaven. We've lit candles, said prayers. You will always be in our hearts, which ache now. Don and I will miss our visits with you. We know those in heaven are laughing now that you have arrived. You and I have talked about your special job up there. We miss you and our hearts are so heavy now.

Your loving niece (Splutch)  
Mary Alice and husband Don

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**Mary Alice Pelling** - July 23, 2013 at 09:11 PM

MH

“ Mike Hobek sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



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**Mike Hobek** - July 23, 2013 at 07:31 PM

MH

“ Mike Hobek lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
William John Hobek Sr.



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Mike Hobek - July 23, 2013 at 07:30 PM

MH

“ Dad,  
My father, mentor, and best friend, as I sit here the night before a  
day I never wanted to come but always new in my heart it was soon  
approaching I am so over come with a sadness that is unbearable. I  
know you are flying the ultimate L10-11 in the clearest of skies  
which is what you deserve Daddy. I know you don't hurt anymore  
which makes me smile knowing you are back to your old self with  
Granny and everyone else up there. Our family is strong and we will  
get through this together which is what you taught us. I love you so  
very much and cannot wait for our renunion one day.

Love always

Coyas

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Mike Hobek - July 23, 2013 at 07:29 PM

SH

“ Dad, I never wanted to say goodbye and I know you didn't want to as well. We were so blessed to have such a great family and we have you and mom to thank for that. I know life was hard lately but I thank you for giving us a few more memories and laughs. There is a hole in my heart which will never be filled. I can't explain how much I miss you. I wish you clear skies and tailwinds as you embark on that final flight out west. Take care Capt.

Your Loving Son,  
Shawn

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**Shawn Hobek** - July 23, 2013 at 03:32 PM

SA

“ My favorite patients Pork and Dork. I adored Mr Hobek he was loved by so many. He always spoke about his children and wonderful wife. He will be missed by many.

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**Susan Arroyo** - July 23, 2013 at 02:14 PM

JG

“ So sorry for your lost. We have such wonderful memories of our time spent with Bill. When the Hobek's were at party we always had a great time and lots of laughs. Will miss our dear friend. May all your wonderful memories give you all strength during this difficult time. Our love and prayers to you all. Jim and Darlene Giammarinaro



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**Jim and Darlene Giammarinaro** - July 23, 2013 at 10:42 AM

LS

“ My heart rejoices in the fact that he is with our Lord in Heaven surrounded by loved ones that went before him. He is whole once again. May God wrap His loving arms around each of you during the days, weeks, and months ahead.

*"For I know the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call m e, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the Lord"*  
(Jeremiah 29:11-14)

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**Lori Saunders** - July 23, 2013 at 10:27 AM

Tony Brail

“ Tony Brail sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



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**Tony Brail** - July 23, 2013 at 10:16 AM

Tony Brail

“ Tony Brail lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



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**Tony Brail** - July 23, 2013 at 10:16 AM

SH

“ Shawn Hobek lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



Shawn Hobek - July 23, 2013 at 10:10 AM

SH

“ Shawn Hobek sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



Shawn Hobek - July 23, 2013 at 10:10 AM

RL

“ I flew many trips to South America on the L-1011 with Bill. He was a excellent pilot and a fun guy to fly with. I'll miss you Bill, check six !

Bob Lampke  
Capt. EAL Ret.

Robert H. Lampke - July 23, 2013 at 09:45 AM

DH

“ Darlene Hobek lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



darlene hobek - July 23, 2013 at 09:18 AM

GL

“ *I have heard so much of this wonderful man. So sorry I never had the chance to meet him. My deepest condolences and sympathy.*  
*Gary Loeb and Family*

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**Gary Loeb** - July 23, 2013 at 09:12 AM

WH

“ *Weze Hobek lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.*



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**Weze Hobek** - July 23, 2013 at 08:38 AM

WH

“ Dad,

*I miss you sooo much already. I know you are finally back to your old self. I am so happy at the thought of you back in your beloved L10-11 up there at Heaven Airways. Clear skies and Tailwinds always, Dad!! Blue side up!! I just know Heaven got a lot louder and happier on Fri night. The light here on Earth has certainly dimmed since Fri night.*

*I am sure that you, Duke and Flo are having Happy Hour of Manhattans on a regular basis, while Uncle Bob and Aunt Helen watch to make sure you kids dont get into trouble!! :-) And Uncle Gene is probably doing the soft shoe around you!! And Uncle Jim is sitting around just loving it and soaking it all in with a big smile. Give Teddy our love. Tears are still shed for him, as he is greatly missed too!!*

*Thank you for being the best father a daughter could ever have. I was so blessed to be your daughter. I will miss our time together. Just you and I, talking and laughing. Weze and Thir. So many tears, laughs and memories shared already, about you.*

*This pain is so great. Everyone is telling us it will subside, but I cannot imagine how. Just as I cannot imagine my life without you in it. Nights and Mornings are the hardest as I go to sleep sobbing for you and wake up in tears crying for you. Please dont worry about us. We have one another and our faith, thanks to those 2 gifts that you gave us, and nurtured and protected for us, while you were here on Earth with us.*

*With each passing day, I look forward to when we are together again, Dad.*

*Forever in my Heart.*

*I Love you.*

*Love,*

Weze



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**Weze Hobek** - July 23, 2013 at 08:22 AM

KS

“ Karen And Ron Sartele lit a candle in memory of Mr. William John Hobek Sr.



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**Karen and Ron Sartele** - July 23, 2013 at 06:51 AM