



## Randall Paul Quinn

November 15, 1938 - October 25, 2012

Randall Paul Quinn, 73, of Santa Barbara, CA passed on Oct. 25, 2012 in his home where he had been lovingly cared for by his wife Linda, with the assistance of hospice nurses and aides. Born Nov 15, 1938, the son of Albert F. Quinn and Ruth Brumbaugh Quinn, he grew up on a farm near Dayton, PA, graduated from Penn State (1960), and became a pilot in the Air Force, serving in the Air Defense Command on Cape Cod and the Air Commando Squadron in Viet Nam, where he received the Air Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster).

He married Linda Louise Martin of Lancaster, PA in Dec, 1963. Together they traveled the world, entertained many family members and friends in their home, had numerous house exchanges, did extensive projects on their house and garden together, and spent great times with family in PA and Maine.

He worked for Continental Airlines for 40 years and became captain, piloting to Europe, South America and Australia until his retirement after 9/11. His retirement flight was to Rio where he was given the "Keys to the City". He loved flying! As a fixed-wing and helicopter instructor, he instilled a love for flying to his many students. Randy took friends and family on excursions in his float plane every chance he could get.

Randy was a voracious reader and internet researcher. He enjoyed vigorous

discussions on every topic, could tell a joke on almost any subject including himself, and loved people passionately. He learned from each person he met, often developing a life-long friendship from a chance encounter.

Randy is survived by his wife Linda, his sister Sarah (Sally Quinn Johnston) of Maine, and brother Gerald A. Quinn, and his wife Judy, sister-in-law Joan Taylor as well as his Uncle Ken Brumbaugh, his nieces Lisa, Deidre, Denise and Tracie and nephews Kevin, Kristopher, Ted and Tim, and many grand nieces and nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Randall's life will be held in November for friends and relatives on the west coast, and another in spring for friends and relatives on the east coast.

The West Coast Celebration will be held at the residence on Saturday, November 10th from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Deidre sent a virtual gift in memory of Randall Paul Quinn* ”



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**Deidre** - July 05, 2022 at 12:50 PM

DJ

“ *Deidre L Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of Randall Paul Quinn* ”



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**Deidre L Johnston** - March 08, 2020 at 09:38 AM

DJ

“ *Deidre Johnston lit a candle in memory of Randall Paul Quinn* ”



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**Deidre Johnston** - October 06, 2019 at 10:17 AM

DE

“ *Deidre sent a virtual gift in memory of Randall Paul Quinn* ”



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**Deidre** - August 09, 2018 at 08:46 PM

DE

*Always remembered as a wonderful soul.*

**Deidre** - August 09, 2018 at 08:47 PM

DE

“ *Deidre lit a candle in memory of Randall Paul Quinn*



**Deidre** - April 24, 2017 at 07:47 PM

DE

“ *Deidre sent a virtual gift in memory of Randall Paul Quinn*



**deidre** - January 11, 2015 at 05:23 PM

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“ *Deidre sent a virtual gift in memory of Randall Paul Quinn*



**deidre** - September 18, 2014 at 07:11 PM

DE

“ *Deidre lit a candle in memory of Randall Paul Quinn*



deidre - August 24, 2014 at 06:54 AM

DJ

“ *Deidre Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of Randall Paul Quinn*



Deidre Johnston - December 15, 2013 at 04:50 PM

DJ

*Merry Christmas. We miss you.*

Deidre Johnston - December 15, 2013 at 04:51 PM

EI

“ *Im going to miss you uncle randy. Thank you uncle Randy for everything you have done for our family. You will always be the backbone of our family. I'll never forget your jokes. I will never forget our trip across the U.S. in your tiny airplane, and the drive across the desert. That drive was about eight years ago, but to this day I can close my eyes and see me in the passenger seat of the car as we pass the welcome signs for Baker and Perdue. With "old time rock and roll" playing almost as loud as the car speakers would permit. Here's to you uncle randy. Love you. Teddy Gaskell*



Edward Joseph Gaskell II - November 15, 2012 at 04:16 PM

KM

“ Thanks to all for sharing memories of my dear Uncle Randy, one of the kindest, funniest, gentlest, most generous men one could ever meet. While I loved the fun-loving, joke-telling, life of the party Randy, I also cherished his kind, quieter, serious, thoughtful, sensitive side. He did so much for me and our families over the decades, we'll never forget him or the bonds we shared. I look forward to helping to honor his memory when we gather on the east coast next spring.

*-(Nephew) Kevin Martin*

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**Kevin Martin** - November 13, 2012 at 10:48 AM

BT

“ Dayton High School Classmate 1956  
Always a great friend.  
Will miss him @ Reunion's as Emcee.

*Bob Thompson*

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**Bob Thompson** - November 05, 2012 at 03:13 PM

LJ

“ A wonderful man who touched so many lives. I'm sure he is still flying and looking over all his loved ones. I'll miss you, Randy.

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**Lorrie Johnston** - November 01, 2012 at 11:17 PM

MH

“ To the Quinn family.....I am saddened to learn of Randy's passing. I will always remember the good times flying with Randy and our Continental days. My sympathy to each of you. Mardy Hiett

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**Mardy Hiett** - November 01, 2012 at 10:29 PM

SJ

“ Tribute To My Brother

*My brother Randy was my hero. He searched for Truth and he told truth. He made life wholesome and glad. He guided me while on earth and I trust that those things which he taught us will continue to inspire our actions.*

*The companion of my childhood turned out to be heroic. We who spent time with Randy found life joyous. Because of such men, " life is sweet and tolerable."*

*Because we knew him, we were changed for Good.*

*Sally Q Johnston*

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**Sally Quinn Johnston** - October 31, 2012 at 05:01 PM

LG

*Mom, he was my hero, too. I feel so lucky to have been born into this family. Alex was saying how hard it is, having him leave us. I told him:*

*"Yes, but, look at the wonderful life he had and all that he accomplished. Look at how many people are sad to see him go. That is a testimony to what he meant to all of us.*

*We are lucky to have this family and we were lucky to have had Randy for as long as we did. Always keep his memory alive, Alex, and always know that he is looking out for you. That is what I believe."*

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**Lisa Johnston Gaskell** - November 01, 2012 at 11:50 AM

RZ

“ Dear Linda, Sally, Jerry & Family.....may the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. You have had someone truly special in your life. I am truly sorry for your loss. Sincere sympathy to all and God Bless!  
Ruth Emminger Zellefrow (cousin from West Kittanning)

Thanks for sharing your photos and videos.

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**Ruth Marie Emminger Zellefrow** - October 31, 2012 at 03:42 PM

DJ

“ Deidre Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Randall Paul Quinn



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**Deidre Johnston** - October 30, 2012 at 08:28 PM

DJ

*"For a while you were flying  
Like you always wanted to  
Now you'll fly forever  
In skies of azure blue  
We'll see your smile in every ray  
Of sunshine after rain  
And hear the echo of your laughter  
Over all the pain  
The world's a little quieter now  
The colours have lost their hue  
The birds are singing softly  
And our hearts are missing you  
Each time we see a little cloud  
Or a rainbow soaring high  
We'll think of you and gently  
Wipe a tear from our eye"*

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**Deidre Johnston** - October 30, 2012 at 08:39 PM

LJ

*A lovely tribute to Randy, Dd!*

**Lorrie & Gary Johnston** - October 31, 2012 at 09:34 AM

LG

*So beautiful, Deidre!*

**Lisa Johnston Gaskell** - November 01, 2012 at 11:45 AM

BP

“ *Circumstance and aviation brought Randy and me and our spouses together to share fifty plus years of ups, downs, laughter, sorrow and joy and grief. I could have had no better friend to share the brotherhood of pilots. I miss him deeply and will do so as long as I can still remember our shared experiences in life. Bob Pigors - USAF 62G ...*

**Bob Pigors** - October 30, 2012 at 06:56 PM

BP

“ *When Randy, Linda, Rosanne and I went on a 'Lewis & Clark' trip down this Susquehanna we were going to live on the fish out of the river. Of course the only fish out of the river eaten was the package of Mrs. Paul's fish sticks Randy was carrying on his head when he slipped and fell under water. Voila, fish from the river. We will miss a great friend and cousin. Barry*

**Barry Patterson** - October 30, 2012 at 06:02 PM

JQ

*There were certainly lots of memories created on that trip. I remember the downpour of rain that drenched you all. It was timely that I went looking for you and was there on the bank when you docked. I remember how thankful you all were to be 'rescued'.*

**Jerry Quinn** - November 01, 2012 at 07:04 AM

KO

“ Linda, Sally and Family,

*Whatsoever soothes your spirit, comforts your soul, and brings you peace, I wish for you at this difficult time. May God's angels surround you and guide you gently through this day. May beautiful memories and precious moments continue to be shared amongst you. One of my fondest memories is of being with you, Linda and Sally, at the farm in August of 2010. Do you remember the "discussion" Randy and I had about religion? It went on for three days straight, and Randy did most of the talking. If you remember, I hardly got a word in edgewise. In the end, he announced to you, Linda, that he and I had many beliefs in common, so he thought he might become a chaplain also. I'm so happy you did not choke on your tea when you burst into laughter at his comment.*

*I love all of you. I am so sad Randy has left this world. I can't help wondering what his experience was....what he saw waiting on the other side. I guess I have to wait until he and I see each other in the next life.*

*With my deepest sympathy to all of you, Kathleen O'Wril (Chaplain retired)*

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**Kathleen Owril** - October 30, 2012 at 11:12 AM

JQ

*Thank you for your kind and wise words. I, too, wondered what his experience would be like 'crossing over'. He thrived on arguments, especially about things that are difficult to prove, often playing the role of a sophist. I used to think that was part of his learning style but I came to understand that he had other reasons. He 'engaged' a former friend in an argument about religion for 8 years! Most others weren't as patient. God was within Randy and blessed him. Hopefully he accepted that Truth in the end.*

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**Jerry Quinn** - November 01, 2012 at 06:59 AM

AG

“ Way too many great times and memories to count. He was such a role model to me and contributed greatly to my development over the years. I'll be forever indebted to him for everything he taught me. He has touched so many lives and will definitely never be forgotten! Thinking of you Linda and Gram. Love you all!

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**Alex Gaskell** - October 29, 2012 at 09:42 PM

KO

*Alex, I am thinking of you at this sad time. You and Randy had a very special and unique relationship. You are right, he will never be forgotten and through your memories he will always be alive. With deepest sympathy, Kathleen Owril (Gram's writing partner and friend)*

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**Kathleen Owril** - October 30, 2012 at 11:26 AM

VA

*We first met Randy and Linda when they landed their plane on our local dragracing track in Nova Scotia, on their way to visit Mort on Tancook Island. Since then he had visited us in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia with his brother, Gerald, on another occasion with Alex and then again, on his own. And each time, leaving behind, many happy memories. We were devastated when we heard the news of Randy's passing. We will never forget our new found friends and the happy times we shared. Randy will be sadly missed. He will always hold a special place in our hearts. Linda, please know that we are thinking of you and your family at this sad time. In deepest sympathy..*

*Vaughan and Bunny*

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**Vaughan Boone and Bunny Allen** - October 31, 2012 at 10:27 AM

JJ

“ Dear Linda and Family, am so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. I enjoyed SO much visiting with you at our 62-G reunion in PHX. You are in our prayers and thoughts . We will make sure our USAF class knows and can say all of us will mourn for him, God Bless, Jim and Barb Atkinson

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**James F. Atkinson, Jr.** - October 29, 2012 at 08:46 PM

JB

“ Dear Linda and Sally, I am so sorry for your loss. I am grateful to Randy for using humor to get me to take a risk. I will be forever grateful to him. You are wrapped in everyone's arms.  
Janet

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**Janet Buck** - October 29, 2012 at 03:46 PM

KO

Janet, I just read your message to Linda and Sally. I had forgotten about Randy's words of putting the cats in the freezer and hop on a plane to Australia. For me, he fulfilled a dream I'd had since I childhood. I had wanted to go up in a small airplane. Randy took me up, let me pilot his plane, and did loop-de-loops. More than I'd ever hoped for. Love, Kathleen

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**Kathleen Owril** - October 30, 2012 at 11:23 AM

CB

“ Dear Linda.  
We were so sad to hear of Randy's passing,he was such a full of life guy,we feel so fortunate to have known him .  
A few lines from one of our favorite poems  
,I can not stay an other day, to laugh, to love , to work or play  
Task left undone must stay that way ,  
I have now found peace at the end of the day,  
Charles & Olive

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**Charles & Olive Brown** - October 29, 2012 at 01:36 PM

DW

“ I will remember my Uncle Randy's great smile and happy eyes. I will remember his love for my Aunt Linda and his never ending stability for my mother. I will always be grateful for having known such a strong, kind, generous, authentic man. I will forever be grateful for having him a part of my life. I could not have asked for a better Uncle.

*Denise Johnston Wyse*

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**denise Johnston wyse** - October 29, 2012 at 10:15 AM

LG

*I agree, Denise. I am so proud to say I am related to him. As you said, he was a strong, kind, generous, authentic man and I am better for having had him in my life.*

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**Lisa Gaskell** - October 29, 2012 at 10:34 PM

KO

*Denise, your have captured Randy beautifully in your message. What a loss his parting is to you and all your family.*

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**Kathleen Owril** - October 30, 2012 at 11:18 AM

JQ

“ 1 file added to the album *A Tribute to Captain Randy Quinn*



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**Jerry Quinn** - October 29, 2012 at 07:34 AM

JQ

*May God bless my brother, Randy, and all who loved him - especially Linda.*

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**Jerry Quinn** - October 29, 2012 at 06:47 PM

GB

“ Oh Sally, I am so sorry for your lose.

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**Gail Bodwell** - October 29, 2012 at 06:57 AM

WG

“ We are so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. He was a fun classmate in USAF pilot training. We enjoyed our time together at the reunion of 62-G last year. Our best to you Linda. Gary and Sonja Woodruff

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**Woodruff Gary** - October 28, 2012 at 11:16 PM

LG

“ As one of Randy's nieces, I get the honor of saying that I don't remember a time when I didn't know Randy. He was always in my life. The same can be said by my sisters and all of our children. And Randy being in our lives have made them richer and fuller.

We got to spend time with Randy every summer on the farm (probably 40+ summers now for us girls). He was at every graduation for every child. He took my children, Teddy and Alex, several summers flying around the country in his plane and spending time in CA. What an experience! Both boys grew tremendously from that time and got closer to Randy. Randy loved it, too!

Randy was funny, entertaining and full of life. It is a testimony to him how many family and friends hate to see him go. I will always have a part of Randy with me. He taught me a lot about life, family and how to have integrity. I love you, Randy, and will always keep your memory alive.

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**Lisa Johnston Gaskell** - October 28, 2012 at 11:07 PM

KO

*Lisa, your Uncle Randy lives on in you, and all that he has taught you over the years. Because he played a major role in forming the woman you have become, Randy Quinn is still impacting this world in a positive way. Carry on, Lisa.*

*I think of Randy as pilot and flying the skies. I also think of him as soaring through life. So active, vibrant, smart, giving of self. He loved you girls and your children dearly. May that love sustain you in his passing. Be open to signs from beyond that he might be sending to you today and in the days ahead. With love and deepest sympathy,  
Kathleen Owril*

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**Kathleen Owril** - October 30, 2012 at 11:40 AM

LG

*Thank you, Kathleen. That helped my heart.*

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**Lisa Johnston Gaskell** - October 30, 2012 at 10:52 PM

SY

“ *As a classmate of Randy through USAF Pilot Training I remember Ran as a go-getter and an outstanding gentleman. It was a pleasure to see him at our Class Reunion last year and renew our acquaintance. My wife and I send our condolences and our prayers are with his family.*

*Skip Youngdahl*

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**Skip Youngdahl** - October 28, 2012 at 10:12 PM

DB

“ *Dear Linda, We had so many more trips planned....well, Randy couldn't wait and headed out on his own for a trip of a "new" lifetime....he left us with many memories, most that make us smile when we think of them and him. Our sincere condolences to out to you. We've lost a great friend. Love and peace to you, Davene & Jerry*

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**Davene & Jerry Brown** - October 28, 2012 at 09:51 PM

MB

“ George and I had the privilege of spending part of our 'honeymoon in Vegas' with Randy and Linda. I don't think many people can say that. And, it was a privilege. Peace and comfort to you both. Mindy and George

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**Melinda Brumbaugh Bekic** - October 28, 2012 at 08:48 PM

“ *High Flight*

*By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.*

*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 windswept heights with easy grace*

*Where never lark, or even eagle flew -*

*And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod*

*The high untresspassed sanctity of space,*

*Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

*In Memory of My Loving Husband - Linda*

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**per Linda** - October 28, 2012 at 07:56 PM



“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Randy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Lindy and the rest of the Martin/Quinn family. Love to all.*  
*Martha*

October 28, 2012 at 07:20 PM



“ *Deidre Johnston lit a candle in memory of Randall Paul Quinn*



**Deidre Johnston** - October 28, 2012 at 07:00 PM



*All my love.*

**Deidre Johnston** - October 28, 2012 at 07:01 PM



*How appropriate to light a candle for Randy. He was a stable and secure, not to mention funny and loving, light in this world, especially in the world of family. May his light shine through all of us because of the way he touched our lives. When the days seem dark and bleak, Deidre, remember his light and ask him to shine it on you. Love and blessings, Kathleen Owril*

**Kathleen Owril** - October 30, 2012 at 11:49 AM



“ *I am so deeply sorry to hear the news of Randy's passing. May he have eternal peace. Lots of love to Linda and the whole family. I'm thinking of you and sending warm thoughts your way.*

**Evelyn** - October 28, 2012 at 04:52 PM

JO

“ Randy gave the following to Linda years ago and it seems appropriate that after almost 50 yrs. of marriage I share his deep love of her with you.

*"Across the years I will walk with you-  
in deep green forests; on shores of sand:  
and when our time on earth is through,  
in heaven, too, you will have my hand."*

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**Joanie** - October 28, 2012 at 03:21 PM

AF

*How very sad to hear of Randy's passing. Much love and many prayers for comfort and support for Linda and Sally.*

*Ann*

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**Ann Fryer** - October 28, 2012 at 06:40 PM

JL

*I flew with Randy at Continental. One of the "good guys". Please know that we all hurt with you. Peace, Jim Losey Sr.*

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**James L Losey** - October 29, 2012 at 11:16 AM

JQ

*A beautiful sentiment. God's Grace is unlimited.*

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**Jerry Quinn** - October 29, 2012 at 06:38 PM

KO

*Joanie, we have never met. I am a friend of Sally's. I know it was not long ago that Randy and Linda were with you when your husband died. And now you are with Linda sharing her grief. I send you prayers and blessings and comfort (if that is possible) at this time. I send my deepest sympathy to you on both your losses. The poem, words from Randy to Linda, are beautiful. We now live in the hope of meeting our departed loved ones in the future. Sincerely, Kathleen Owrl*

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**Kathleen Owrl** - October 30, 2012 at 11:54 AM