



Gordon Clement

March 21, 1962 - September 14, 2014

Clement- Gordon Clement On the evening of September 14, 2014, Allen Gordon Clement passed away after his battle with cancer. He was 52 years young. Born in Roanoke, VA, on March 21, 1962 to John Roop Clement and Kathryn Corraeo Clement before moving to Chamblee, GA, Gordon was the youngest of three children. He graduated from Chamblee High School in 1980 and the University of Georgia in 1985. He absolutely loved his cars from the vintage 1964 Aston Martin DB5 that he took to premieres of James Bond movies, to his current DB7. Gordon always enjoyed the thrill of driving excellent sports cars, but his passion was flying. As a teenager, he rode his bike to Peachtree DeKalb Airport where he worked at Epps Aviation washing planes in exchange for the opportunity to fly them. He earned his pilot's license at age 17, and lived his dream career as a pilot, most recently with Cox Enterprises for the past 16 years. Gordon shared his passion for flying with family and friends by giving rides in his 1947 Bucker Jungmann. His philosophy was that it was a waste of fuel to fly straight and level. Gordon kept his vintage biplane in a hangar at an airport community in Cleveland, GA, where he was surrounded by amazing friends. Recently, he spent his spare time meticulously building an RV-14 airplane in his basement. He volunteered at the local EAA chapter 690, teaching kids about aviation at the annual summer camp.

Gordon loved working with children because he was a 12-year-old in an adult's body. He never lost his love of James Bond and Batman. He had a

large collection of model cars, planes, and action figures which he loved showing off as much as he loved sharing his big toys. A kid at heart, he was also a loving father and devoted husband who adored his family more than anything else. Gordon was happiest whenever he was with Mary, and was immensely proud of his sons who are also Bulldogs.

Gordon is survived by his wife Mary Jones Clement; sons Robert Bledsoe Clement, Zachary Samuel Clement; brother Clarke and Maggie Clement; sister Dot and Randy Shaw; and numerous nieces and nephews.

To continue his legacy of nurturing young people's passion for flight, please make donations payable to EAA 690, send to Jeanne Ferguson, 421 Bellingham Drive, Sugar Hill, GA 30518. memo: Gordon Clement Scholarship Fund. A memorial service will be held, 11 AM Saturday, September 20, 2014 in the Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Lawrenceville with Rev. Dr. Tom Elliott officiating. The family will receive friends 5 -8 PM Friday, September 19, 2014 at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, SW, Lawrenceville, GA. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
(770) 962-3100

Memorial Service

SEP **20.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road, S.W.
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Clement*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Mary and family. I just learned of Gordon's passing and my son, Steven, and I want to extend our sympathy to you and your family. Gordon did a great job with the Bucker newsletter. I was able to fly in his Bucker when we were in Florida in 2009. I also visited him when I flew into Atlanta. All of the Bucker group will remember him as an avid fan of our favorite airplane. Bert and Steven Zimmerly,*

Bert Zimmerly - October 13, 2014 at 03:38 PM



“ *Im sorry to hear about Gordons passing. It was quite a shock. I havent seen him in years. Last time was when we were in high school together and like others he took me up in a Decathlon aerobatic plane. Most of the time I spent with Gordon was in my elementary school days. Seems so long ago. He was a huge James Bond fan I remember we went to see Live and let Die together back in the theaters. We also used to listen to cheech and chong in his room lol. I remember his cieling in his room was covered with airplane models. He loved to build them and he was very good at it. Gordon was a very talented man a great pilot and a good mechanic. The other things I remember was going to six flags together on our summers and that new paper route he used do for extra money. Probably to save for flying lessons. He will be missed and my condolences to to his family. Chris von Vultee AKA Rene*

chris von Vultee - September 19, 2014 at 05:21 PM

HK

“ Gordon and Bill Bentley and I spent many hours on bicycles together at and around Peachtree-DeKalb Airport, eating Krystals with extra mustard, pickles and onions, and pouring water in our one soft drink bottle to make it go farther. He was talking about airplanes even before he got his driving license. When he did get his license, I thought it was unusual that he drove a car quite like an airplane - yes it would fly - including a maneuver he called 'the knife edge' where this beast of a car (an Oldsmobile dinosaur) was driven on the side of an embankment across from my dad's hangar at very precarious angle of attack. And of course, I was in the said vehicle many times encouraging this death defying stunt and laughing hysterically. But my memory now is watching from the road and seeing this gigantic Oldsmobile at a 45 degree on a slope, the rear end finally giving way to gravity and sliding down the hillside while he kept the nose pointed above the horizon.

There is more as you can surmise but I must plead the 5th Amendment.

I remember when he bought the famed DB4 and have an article from the AJC with his picture. I believe that was around 1992? Very proud of him and his career path of excellence.

Years passed, and somehow we never did get to shake hands again.

I know his loss is devastating to his family. You are in my prayers. May God Bless and keep his soul, and his wife and children.

Horace K. "Kim" Sawyer
Ringgold, Georgia

hksawyer@gmail.com - September 19, 2014 at 02:37 PM

RC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



RC - September 19, 2014 at 02:16 PM

RC

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Rob Clement - September 19, 2014 at 02:15 PM

GS

“ Dot,Randy_ We are so sorry to hear about your brother. May you cherish memories of him. Praying for God's comfort and strength in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers to your family. Ginn & Tim Smith

Ginn Alford Smith - September 18, 2014 at 02:51 PM

JP

“ One of my greatest days of flying was with Gordon when he took me up to do aerobatics. Something I had never done before. I was so afraid that I might throw up, I took Dramamine. As soon as we lifted off the ground he said, "Jeff you have the plane, make a right climbing bank to 1500 feet. JEFF I HAVE THE PLANE, I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING. To make sure I didn't interfere in the take off, my hands were at my side and my feet were as far back as I could put them. Heck, I couldn't even see the pedals. I grabbed the stick and fumbled for the pedals. At 1500 he said, "Great job, I thought you said you had never flown a Bucker before". Over the next 30 minutes, Gordon gave me the greatest ride in a plane that I have ever had and something I know I will never experience again. Gordon, you will be missed. Jeff Pritz

jeff pritz - September 18, 2014 at 01:21 PM

NB

“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and my prayers.

Nikki Buxton - September 18, 2014 at 11:08 AM

BW

“ So sorry to hear about Gordon's passing, shocking news.

Barton Workman - September 18, 2014 at 10:04 AM

JM

“ My condolences to the Clement family.



Janine Mendoza - September 18, 2014 at 08:42 AM

MM

“ *Michael Miller purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gordon Clement.*



Michael Miller - September 18, 2014 at 12:36 AM

JM

“ *Jeannette & Mark lit a candle in memory of Gordon Clement*



Jeannette & Mark - September 17, 2014 at 09:30 PM

JM

We will miss you very much, Gordon!

Jeannette & Mark - September 17, 2014 at 09:31 PM

 Jim Troche

“ *I only met him briefly and he was one of the warmest and welcoming I met at the airfield. I wish I was able to get to know him better. Gone too soon. My prayers to his friends and family...*

Jim Troche - September 17, 2014 at 06:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Clement.*



September 17, 2014 at 04:56 PM

PW

“ *In June, 2012, our niece was in charge of the Vacation Bible School program at her church near Cleveland. The theme was aviation and on the last day of the program Gordon graciously agreed to fly a one plane air show over the church. He had a flight out early the next morning but he wouldn't disappoint the kids. Gordon flew his usual performance and held about one hundred children spellbound. Those children have not forgotten Gordon's generosity and skill and neither have we. Thanks, Gordon.*

Paul and Brenda Winder

Paul & Brenda Winder - September 17, 2014 at 04:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gordon Clement.*



September 17, 2014 at 03:10 PM