



## Frederick Edward Dasenbrock

April 5, 1938 - February 5, 2016

Services for Frederick Edward Dasenbrock, 77, of Tyler, Texas, will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 1:30 PM at First Christian Church with Dr. Chris Pulliam officiating. Burial will occur at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas on Friday, February 12, 2016, at 11:30 AM under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. He passed away Friday, February 5, 2016, at his home in Tyler.

Fred was born on April 5, 1938 in Manchester, Iowa to Roland and Ellen Dasenbrock. He was a talented athlete who excelled in both shot put and discus, and earned a college football scholarship. His love for flying small aircraft while a teenager working his father's farm helped him later serve his country as an officer in the Air Force, where he served in Vietnam. He later earned a Master's degree and held numerous positions in a notable career in aviation, retiring as a commercial pilot instructor for Northwest Airlines. He was a member of First Christian Church and enjoyed connecting with people. He was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Rambling Roses Square Dance Club, and the Flying Farmers of America.

Fred was an early starter. He was driving tractors at 5 years old and co-piloting airplanes by age 10 with his dad. Fred graduated from Anamosa, Iowa High School in 1956, Montana State University (BS in Geology) in 1960, attended graduate school at Syracuse University, and Iowa State University in 1984 (MS in Geology). He was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force in 1960 and Honorably Discharged in 1967. He returned to farming in Iowa until 1982

while obtaining additional aircraft ratings and giving flight instruction. He then transitioned to a full time career in aviation, first with Gallatin Flight Service, then teaching flight training for Beechcraft, Flight Safety International, Lufthansa Flight Training Academy, America West Airlines and Northwest Airlines. Fred also flew corporate aircraft for Holiday Oil and was Chief Pilot for Cutter Aviation. His most rewarding flying was achieved when doing life flights for Gallatin and Cutter Aviation. Fred loved flying and anything related to aviation.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Roland and Ellen, and older sister Rose Mary. Fred is survived by his loving family, including wife of 34 years Sandy, his brother Bob Dasenbrock, sister Mary Ellen Eversole, son, Jace Dasenbrock, daughter, Ann Levantovich (Walt), step-son, Mike Stroup (Lori), step-son Craig Stroup (Lesa), and eight grandchildren, Jaret, Zachary, Liam, Elise, Sarah, Sean, Tygren, and Lauren, and honorary granddaughter Melissa Nelson.

Visitation is scheduled from 1:00 - 1:30 PM on Thursday, February 11, 2016, prior to the service, at First Christian Church. If desired, memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 4202 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75701 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 in lieu of flowers.

# Cemetery Details

## DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy  
Dallas, TX 75211

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

First Christian Church  
4202 S. Broadway  
Tyler, TX

## Service

FEB 11. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Christian Church  
4202 S. Broadway  
Tyler, TX

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sandy,

*We've been more out of touch than neighbors ought to be. I was stunned to hear that Fred had passed away. I remember how strong he seemed to be just after his bypass surgery. It was really a bit intimidating. I didn't bounce back as well as he seemed to have done.*

*Friends are supposed to offer words of comfort at this time, but my experience tells me that comfort comes with time not with words. The bereaved is a bit like Humpty-Dumpty after the death of a loved one. But unlike him, my experience tells me that the bereaved can be "put back together again". It won't take all the Kings Horses and all the Kings Men, but it will take time. I suspect that the greatest strength and support will be drawn from your women friends like Robin Insalaco who is one of the King's women..*

*I would think that being a nurse may have made the recent past very challenging for you because you had a better understanding of what you were seeing than most of us would. I know that I was rather blissfully ignorant leading up to both my losses. They say that knowledge is power, and I hope that it has been a source of strength for you.*

*In the days ahead, if you need a good listener, I am not far away physically, and I hope not t be far away spiritually.*

*May you find pace,*

*Jim Crawford*

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**Jim Crawford** - February 07, 2016 at 03:15 PM