



## Robert Arnholt

April 28, 1919 - June 19, 2011

On June 19, 2011, Robert Arnholt departed this world to join our heavily father at the age of 92 yrs. old. He was born April 28, 1919, near Loudonville, Ohio, where he was raised. He is a 1941 graduate of Miami University of Ohio. He has held a commercial pilot's license and instructor rating since 1940. He served with Pan American Airways during its involvement with setting up a series of air bases from across Africa. Pan American was commissioned in 1941 by President Roosevelt to transport the people and cargo. Pan American had to build not just the airways, but the communities and bridges to complete/maintain these airstrips. At the time, this involvement was not well known for security reasons. (After Pan American he stayed in the Naval Reserve as a flight instructor & pilot. He retired from the Navy Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander in 1979.) In 1946 he returned to Loudonville to work with his father, Albert, in the family poultry business. He continued to teach flying in Mansfield, OH. In 1959, he began flying for Richland Aviation Inc. in Mansfield. In 1966 he became Chief Pilot for Cooper-Bessmer & transferred with them when they became Cooper Industries to Houston, TX, and was head of its Aviation Department as well as its Chief Pilot until he retired in 1984. Upon his retirement he became an avid golfer and had a passion for watching his favorite sports of football and golf. He lived in Spring, Texas, for over 30 years before moving to Tyler, TX, five years ago. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Jane and son Gary. Surviving members are: Sister Jan Wolf of San Antonio, daughter Maureen Goodwin &

husband Paul of Cortland, NY; son Stephen Arnholt & wife Roslyn of Tyler, TX; and daughter Judith Curtis & husband Robert of Columbus, OH. Grandchildren are Michael & Patrick Curtis, great-grandchild is Jack Curtis all of Columbus, OH. He also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, & nephews; David Wolf, John Wolf and Joanna Wolf. He was a loving father and will be dearly missed by his family. He will be cremated and laid to rest in Loudonville, OH, at a future date. Memorials can be made in his honor to his church: Joyful Beginnings Lutheran Church, 1521 Rice Road, K-102, Tyler, TX 75703.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Russ and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. We spent an afternoon with Jane and Bob in 2004 when we traveled to Texas with my folks. We sat fascinated and listened as your Dad and mine recounted experiences growing up together and flying. Their bond of family and friendship was strong.

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**Russ and Lynn Smith** - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ We are so sorry for your loss, but we know your father is in a better place.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family, may God Bless you all.*

*Steve & Lauri*

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**Steve & Lauri Metcalf** - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To Bob Arnholt Family

*I was a relatively new junior executive at Cooper Beessemer when Bob came on board in 1966. Over the next 18 years we spent many hours together flying throughout North America and Europe. During that time Bob transitioned from flying small prop planes to turboprops to pure jets--all without incident. Some of our trips were probably more exciting than either of us wished but they all ended successfully and safely.*

*Bob was not only a top-notch pilot but an efficient and no nonsense manager. Cooper had a flight department second to none in the corporate world.*

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**Robert Cizik** - June 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM