

Final Flight



John Raymond Hartley

November 11, 1951 - February 18, 2010

SoCal PAMA and the aviation community mourn the passing of **Ray Hartley**, well known and popular industry luminary. Ray was born and raised in Arkansas, married his high school sweetheart, and enjoyed vacationing at the family home in Oklahoma where he planned on retiring. Ray earned his A&P certificate in Little Rock, AR after getting hooked on turning wrenches on A37's in the US Air Force in Louisiana. A gifted singer, trumpet and bass player, Ray was appointed Drum Major of the USAF Drum & Bugle Corps shortly after enlisting. Most of Ray's career was at Garrett, now Standard Aero, in Houston, Van Nuys and most recently at the LAX facility where he was the Manager of Quality Assurance. Ray was also a DAR for the Los Angeles FSDO and known as the "go-to" for guidance in FAA compliance and protocol. He loved his job, was devoted to his co-workers, seemed to thrive on pressure and was genuinely passionate about FAA rules and regs, effortlessly reciting practically every part, paragraph and sub paragraph by heart. A natural born teacher, Ray never refused a request to donate personal time to training events including SoCal PAMA, Rotorcraft's annual IA Refresher Seminar, AMT Society's IA Recurrent Training Seminars and many internal company meetings throughout the US. Ray's technical presentations to the SoCal PAMA Chapter were masterful in his ability to deliver volumes of detailed regulatory information without a script and in simple terms, punctuating his message with perfectly timed humor and sobering illustrations. He delighted in sharing knowledge while poking fun at himself with lighthearted jokes about his roots and early years as a mechanic. His easy going manner and warm personality endeared all who had the pleasure of working with him or attending his award-winning presentations. Ray Hartley was the real deal, a true pro, and trusted colleague whose friendship and footprint will be dearly missed and remembered well.

Even more than aviation, Ray cherished his adoring family: wife Carla, children Toby, Heather, Sam, and Jessie, mother-in-law Carolyn, and eight beautiful grandchildren, all the collective apple of his eye.

Services Were Private
Condolences Can Be Sent To:
The Family of Ray Hartley
c/o Carla Hartley, 34063 Abbey Road, Temecula, CA 92592
In lieu of flowers, the Family is gratefully accepting contributions
towards medical costs (raysfund@gmail.com)

The SoCal PAMA Chapter sends our most heartfelt sympathies to Ray's family, and colleagues at Standard Aero. Many thanks to Heather (Hartley) Brock, and Nav Dabney of Standard Aero for their kind assistance with this *Final Flight*.

