



## Harry Edward Lake, Jr.

August 25, 1941 - March 5, 2017

Harry Edward Lake, Jr., originally from Mountainside, New Jersey, but now residing in Marietta, Georgia, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 5, 2017.

Harry was born August 25, 1941 to Harry Edward Lake, Sr. and Wilma Lake. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia where he was an ACC Champion wrestler. He retired from the United States Marine Corps as a Naval Aviator with the rank of Lt. Colonel, having served a tour in Vietnam. Harry retired from Delta Airlines as an International Captain and Line Check Airman following 31 years of service.

His survivors include his wife of 49 years, Sue; daughter, Lisa Hall (Todd) and sons, Chip (April), and Matthew (Sandra); grandchildren, Austin and Carson Lake, Emma Lake, Judson Bolls and Julianna Lake.

A Celebration of Life will be held for all who loved Harry on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Marietta First Church of the Nazarene, 4241 Dallas Hwy, Marietta, Ga 30064. There will be a reception following the Ceremony at the Church. The burial will be privately held at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.

Contributions may be made to Out of Darkness at [Outofdarkness.org](http://Outofdarkness.org) or checks can be mailed and made out to Atlanta Dream Center Inc., PO Box 54537, Atlanta, Ga 30308, with Out of Darkness written in the memo line, where Harry served as a volunteer.

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta is handling the arrangements.

[www.mayeswarddobbins.com](http://www.mayeswarddobbins.com)

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# Cemetery

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**Georgia National Cemetery**  
1080 Veterans Cemetery Rd.  
Canton, GA,

# Events

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	First Church of the Nazarene 4241 Dallas Highway, Marietta, GA, US, 30064	

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home** - March 08, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ What an amazing memorial thank you all for sharing R. I. P. G-Dad

**Sandra Nieves** - March 09, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ Beautiful tribute! Praying peace and comfort for the family! The Mathis Family

**Melanie** - March 09, 2017 at 09:54 PM



“ A beautiful and very fitting tribute for an amazing and beautiful man! Our world was a better place with Harry Lake's presence. Much love and prayers for Susie and their lovely family..

Our love and prayers,

Joe and Lorraine

**LORRAINE BRENNAN** - March 11, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ I saw the notice of Harry's death in the recent issue of the ALPA magazine. We we in the Delta pilot class that came together on 12 Sept 1969. Those of us left will greatly miss his happy smile.

**Dave Smith** - May 26, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ My condolences to the entire Lake family, especially to Mom. I understand a bit about the journey on which you find yourself. I lost my Kay, love of my life for the past sixty years, in November 2012. Haven't found any easy answers. Harry and I went through US Navy flight school and got our "Wings of Gold" at approximately the same time. We were both then assigned to fly the F-4, Phantom. Off we went to Vietnam at approximately the same time where we served in different squadrons. I joined the VMFA- 314, "Black Knights" at the new airbase at Chu Lai. As I recall, Harry served in the VMFA-542,"Tigers," also at Chu Lai. I also vaguely remember Harry being assigned in 1967 as a Forward Air Controller (FAC) and being shuffled off to the combat base at Khe Sahn. May Harry be blessed with "fair winds and following seas," and may the blessings of God and family be with the Lake family at this difficult time.

Regards,

Richard C. Jones, Jr.

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**Richard C Jones Jr** - March 28, 2017 at 12:47 PM

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“ Harry Lake taught me the secret to making great landings in the DC 9, and I always looked forward to flying with him. No matter who you were, he always gave you his full attention, and just being around him made you a better person. I was very saddened to hear of his passing even though we had not seen each other in many years.  
Eric Edstrom

**Eric Edstrom** - March 23, 2017 at 11:54 AM

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“ With Lots of Love, Merideth and Joe Houseman purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



**With Lots of Love, Merideth and Joe Houseman** - March 20, 2017 at 01:34 PM

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“ I first met Harry in the late '70s when we were both invited, with our wives, to another couples home. During the thirty plus years that Harry was my dental patient, I was often reminded of that evening by him as he wondered how someone who drank way too much scotch that night could have somehow talked him into becoming my patient. But he did become my patient, and eventually Sue and the kids did too. I can honestly say, without any reservation, that I was never happier to see anyone come through my door than Harry. He always had a smile and a joke, and I did my best to match him joke for joke. But I could never match his smile. As his dentist, I take no credit for that. Harry's smiles came from deep inside his heart and illuminated any room he was in. In our lives we meet very few individuals who are truly bigger than life. Harry was one of those guys. Rest well, my friend, and know that those who knew and loved you are better for having had you in their lives.



“ God speed Harry  
We last met at a F-8 Crusader ball in California a few years back  
My sincere condolences.  
Jim Golden LtCol USMC, Capt Continental Airlines, UVA class 1960

Jim Golden - March 11, 2017 at 06:48 PM

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“ Harry Lake was a giant of a man - physically and intellectually He was able to inspire all of us and make short work of any "stinkin' thinkin" with a humorous quip or a perfectly targeted group or individual solution. I served with him - flying the F-8K - when I was an active duty Naval Aviator assigned as MARTD Atlanta Ops Officer and he was one of the prime movers in the Marine Corps Reserve Fighter Squadron there.  
I experienced first hand his skill as a pilot and grew to deeply respect his judgment on all manner of things on and off the ground. I learned that Harry was the ACC mid-heavyweight wrestling champion and went on to be the first U VA wrestler to get to the final bout of the NCAA National Wrestling Championship. He finished second by the barest of margins. He was selected by his peers to reside on "the Lawn" at UVA - an honor reserved for only a very small group of his classmates.  
Harry lived an exemplary life as a family man with the lovely Sue and his all his progeny. This gentle giant was an outstanding pilot and an even better human being. he will be missed.  
Semper Fidelis our Marine Corps motto - more than this to Harry. It was a way of life!  
Larry Adkinson

Larry Adkinson - March 11, 2017 at 12:26 PM

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“ Dear Sue,  
I was saddened when I learned of Harry's death. I pray the Lord will surround all your family with His Love and care in the days ahead. God Bless  
Lenis Black

Lenis Black - March 09, 2017 at 01:22 PM

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“ We will miss you dearly Thank you G-Dad for welcoming my daughter and grandson in your life, home and blessed with an amazing family. You are such a beautiful soul. I know that you're Heavenly Father opened his arms and said "Job well done my Faithful servant. We LOVE you G-Dad you will always be in our hearts.

Sandra Nieves - March 09, 2017 at 12:12 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



March 09, 2017 at 10:50 AM

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Your Coca Cola CCBSS/CBS Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



Your Coca Cola CCBSS/CBS Family - March 09, 2017 at 10:45 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



March 09, 2017 at 10:43 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



March 08, 2017 at 09:27 PM

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“ 1982 Binghampton, N.Y. First met Harry doing B767 simulator. What a great guy and great pilot. He was my FO and helped me through. We flew together on the line and it was always enjoyable and professional. Reading the obit I found out I grew up just 30 miles from his home in NJ. I was 11 at the time he was born. God Speed Harry. You are etched in my memory as a Great one.

John A Steiger  
CV 440 Retired

John A Steiger - March 08, 2017 at 03:50 PM

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“ I flew my domestic 767 IOE with Harry, from that day he was a great friend. We flew many trips together International on the 767. He was an amazing man, and I had tremendous respect for him. RIP Harry.

Gerald Fleming - March 08, 2017 at 03:15 PM

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“ A Man among men!!

Rusty Hightower - March 08, 2017 at 03:00 PM

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“ CCRC BIG Team @ Coke - KP, SM, LA, WM, DP, FB, EC purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



CCRC BIG Team @ Coke - KP, SM, LA, WM, DP, FB, EC - March 08, 2017 at 01:33 PM

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“ A great officer, a great aviator, but most important a great friend. Godspeed Harry!

Ray & Cindy Pilgrim

Ray Pilgrim - March 08, 2017 at 11:36 AM

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“ Love and God bless, Elaine & Wilmer Carroll purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



Love and God bless, Elaine & Wilmer Carroll - March 08, 2017 at 10:06 AM

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“ 62 files added to the album LifeTributes



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - March 08, 2017 at 09:19 AM

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“ Harry will be missed by all of us in our class.He was a great friend and we had a lot of fun together.

Mike & Gail Galbreath

mike galbreath - March 08, 2017 at 08:15 AM

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“ I was a classmate of Harry and will always remember him as a happy go lucky pilot, who when necessary was a great pilot. He will be missed by all of us in our initial pilot training class. God bless his family during this trying time.

Jack Hollister

Jack Hollister - March 07, 2017 at 07:51 PM

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“ I was in Harry's Initial Class at Delta. The only common thread among the 52 of us was combat experience: easy to come by, at the time. What he did have, more of than most of us, was being a gentleman. It was always good to cross paths with him, though never often enough.

Semper Fi,  
Jim Neal

Jim Neal - March 07, 2017 at 07:06 PM

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“ Harry, you were a fighter pilot of the first order and a Delta check pilot also of the first order. I will miss your banter and laughter when you told one of your old, bold tales. Godspeed, Harry

Pat McGirl

Pat McGirl - March 07, 2017 at 06:24 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Harry's passing. I flew F8's with Harry and we were check airman at Delta. One of the greatest guys I've ever known. Harry was ALWAYS so much fun to be around and to fly with. I will miss Harry as we all will.

Respectfully,  
Jim Lawrence

Jim Lawrence - March 07, 2017 at 05:43 PM

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“ Harry was a big man, great pilot and a class act. Enough said.

Dave Waldrop

David Waldrop - March 07, 2017 at 05:15 PM

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“ Bruce Cullen lit a candle in memory of Harry Edward Lake, Jr.



Bruce Cullen - March 07, 2017 at 04:35 PM

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“ Harry was in my initial Delta Class September 12, 1969. He was a breath of fresh air from the first day I met Harry. He was like all the rest of us in the class... excited to have the opportunity to fly for Delta Air Lines. It was always a pleasant time when we would pass each other in Operations or in the terminal so see a smiling face. Harry was a friend to all. I look forward to spending eternity with him,

**Buff Ness** - March 07, 2017 at 03:55 PM

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“ Bill & Gail Kokaly purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



**Bill & Gail Kokaly** - March 07, 2017 at 03:36 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories with Harry, both at Delta and in the Corps. He was an extraordinary aviator in both venues. He will be sorely missed. Semper Fi old friend!  
Dave Lorenzo

**Dave Lorenzo** - March 07, 2017 at 03:23 PM

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“ After all the intervening years I still can't help but smile when I see your picture and recall memories of flights together. Godspeed Harry.

Dan Funk

**Dan Funk** - March 07, 2017 at 03:12 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy to the family. Harry was a classmate and friend. Will be missed.  
Allen Butcher, Capt Ret

**D.A. Butcher** - March 07, 2017 at 02:35 PM

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“ I flew as Harry's Flight Engineer on the DC-8. It was a small community on the "Eight," so we flew together frequently. Whenever, I signed in and saw Harry's name on the trip, my mood instantly improved. It was always a better few days of flying with Harry as a crew member. My deepest condolences to the family.

**Joe Reid** - March 07, 2017 at 02:28 PM

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“ Your Still Special Ed Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



**Your Still Special Ed Family** - March 07, 2017 at 02:22 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



March 07, 2017 at 10:04 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Edward Lake, Jr..



March 07, 2017 at 08:44 AM