



## Jack Jay Eggspuehler

March 2, 1930 - April 30, 2016

### EGGSPUEHLER

Jack Jay Eggspuehler, 86, passed away peacefully on April 30 at 9:15pm with his three sons by his side. He was born on March 12,, 1930 in Des Moines, Iowa. He was a member of the Linworth Methodist Church for 56 years. He graduated from Rock Island High School in 1948. Jack earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois in 1954 and continued his education there with a Masters of Education. While in Champaign he met the Love of his Life, Joan Margaret Bye. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from 1951—1953. With his wife, son Jay and their Boxer Rocky they moved to the Columbus area in 1958. It was at this time that Jack began managing Don Scott Airfield culminating in the formation of The Ohio State University Airport which became recognized as a leading Aviation Education facility. While at OSU, from 1958—1980, he was a member of numerous committees and recipient of many awards. Jack was the president of The Ohio State University Faculty Club and helped raise \$11 million for the University's Endowment Fund. He also had the opportunity to fly Woody Hayes, Jack Nicklaus, Fred Taylor and Ed Weaver on many trips. He was a part of the Russian Pilot Exchange in 1972, 1976 and 1978 leading a group of flight instructors to meet with their Russian counterparts in the early days of Détente. Jack taught at OSU beyond his retirement as a Professor Emeritus. In 1967, he founded the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) with the intent of providing national recognition of the professional flight

instructor. He started Traveling Aviation Seminars, a ground school aviation company. With his wife Joan, he formed the aviation consulting firm Aerosafe Inc. Jack was one of the founders of Heartland Bank in 1988. Jack was a proud member of the Quiet Birdmen. He thoroughly enjoyed his life as a father, husband, pilot, professor, author, banker, developer, restaurateur and entrepreneur. He is survived by his three sons Jay, Pete and Brad; and grandchildren Kaia, Jake and Sedora. He is preceded in death by his parents Ike and Myrtle Eggspuehler, his wife of 51 years Joan, and by his grandchildren Blake and Grant born by his beloved daughter-in-law Christine. Family and friends may call from 6-8pm Tuesday May 3 at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, Ohio 43085. A Celebration of Jack's life will be held 1pm Wednesday, May 4 at the Linworth Methodist Church, 7070 Bent Tree Blvd., Columbus, OH 43235 with Dr. Eugene Folden officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Cemetery, Galloway, OH. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the E. Dorothy Peterson & Joan Bye Eggspuehler Memorial Scholarship Fund at Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, the Linworth Methodist Church, and NAFI. To send condolences to the family please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

6959 W. Broad St.  
Galloway, OH 43119  
(614) 878-4692

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

**MAY 3.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 4.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Linworth United Methodist Church  
7070 Bent Tree Blvd  
Columbus, OH 43235

# Tribute Wall



“ Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Jay Eggspuehler



Rutherford Funeral Homes - May 03, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ Jack Jay Eggspuehler

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ We moved into the house behind Jack's farmhouse in November of 1990. We received the Dispatch paper every day and always thought it was so nice that the paper boy would deliver the Sunday paper right up to our front door. Little did we know (several months later) that Jack was our Sunday paper boy. He didn't deliver the paper, he would take his Sunday morning walk, and every house on Fitzgerald that backed up to his property he would take the paper and place it on the front porch. It was such a nice gesture. He also allowed my HS Gymnastics team to do a fundraiser every year in the field parking cars for the Irish Festival. That money was put to great use, as a Dublin Coffman Senior Gymnast every year was awarded scholarship money for college. Thank you Jack for everything you have done for my family, the neighborhood, and the Dublin Community.

Julie Kayser - May 18, 2016 at 07:59 AM

SL

“ Jay, Pete and Brad:

*I'm so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He was a Great man, and will be truly missed. He meant a lot to me and I feel blessed to have known him.*

*God Bless you and your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Scott Lee*

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**Scott Lee** - May 09, 2016 at 12:45 PM

GG

“ Jack loved to have fun in life- he was almost always laughing and smiling. But he wanted everyone else to have fun too so he would be sure to 'let you in on the joke.' I would love to include some of my favorite jokes he told here, but I cannot think of a single one that is appropriate for a funeral home website! I think Jack would have preferred it that way and is probably laughing somewhere right now.

*My father, Bruce Goodman, started working for Jack at TAS then Aerosafe before I was born, which made Jack sort of a grandfather to me. I can remember my mother taking us to visit my dad at work, and Jack would always come by laughing, offering us kids popcorn or candy or something else. When I became old enough, Jack offered me my first real job performing grounds maintenance at Darby Dan airport during summers. When I graduated high school Jack hired me to work at Aerosafe on several different occasions when I was between jobs or career changes. Jack treated staff like family, and I knew there was always a place for me at Aerosafe when I needed it. I must have earned his trust, because he had me performed all sorts of odd jobs, from copying, faxing, summarizing depositions, and compiling case binders as a staff assistant at Aerosafe, picking up blueprints of his latest restaurant or driving clients and colleagues to and from the airport as a courier, to selling off odds and ends on Craig's List or eBay that had been stashed in one of his barns for unknown lengths of time. I even helped set up the security camera system at one of the Brazenhead pubs.*

*Working with Jack felt more like a family gathering than a job, which is probably one of the reasons I ended up coming back to Aerosafe so many times. Jack was generous, and loved seeing others enjoy life as much as him. I can remember him twisting my arm to have 'just one more beer' on more than one occasion! My mother and sister also worked at Aerosafe several times and my entire family owes this kind-hearted man a great debt for his generosity.*

*I am sorry I missed the funeral and wake at the Brazenhead- I was at work that day. I feel blessed to have known him and usually end*

*up laughing when I remember him. I am thinking of Jack and will be sure to raise a pint in his memory soon. Slainte!*

*Greg Goodman*

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**Greg Goodman** - May 07, 2016 at 11:06 AM

MS

“ There aren't many people who you can truly say made a difference in how your life turned out, but for me Professor Eggspuehler was one if those rare few. I met him when I was a 17 year old college freshman at The Ohio State University. I wanted to fly, but some of the instructors and faculty were not too keen on women in the program. One senior instructor said to my face women should not be flying and made it hard as hell on me. Jack was not one of the naysayers--he was supportive and encouraging of my determination to fly. Maybe his beloved wife Joan, who predeceased Jack, had already cleared a path for women aviators. Jack was also inspiring in class. I will never forget his lectures on "mud dobbers" and hail. He was enthusiastic, inspiring and encouraging to all students. You wanted to work hard for Jack--so much so I got perfect scores in two of his classes, and I was not alone. That was his effect on students.

Jack was up for a big job at the FAA but ultimately he turned it down. He just had too much going on in Columbus, Ohio. I always knew that was a big loss for the FAA. Jack put safety first, a practice evidenced by the fact he lived to be 86. "There are old pilots and bold pilots, but no old bold pilots." The FAA at times got lost in the weeds; Jack did not. I remember him saying, "IFR does not mean IDIOT FOLLOWING RAILWAYS!"

Then it was my turn to go to Washington, and Jack was 100% supportive again of my appointment as US DOT IG. I called him from time to time to kick around ideas and for occasional reality fact checking; he was always eager to help and gave sage advice.

When I returned to Ohio, I once again was treated to working with Jack, this time as a professor at The Ohio State University where he was Emeritus Chair of the Aviation Department. On a few occasion I got to go fly with him again too. What a treat.

Oh and his hobbies, what grand hobbies they were! First were his restaurants. He loved telling stories about how he had the pieces

*and parts for the Brazenhead Pub moved across the pond to Dublin, Ohio. I watched it come together as Jack included his friends and colleagues in much of his fun. There was Oscar's too--for special dining occasions.*

*We all loved the barn full of cars. So many faculty meetings and parties ended up at Jack's barn. Things don't moo in Jack's barn, they moved. His restored barn was a multilevel wonderland of restored collector cars, with a kitchen and bar of course.*

*With him also serving as an aviation expert witness and me as an aviation attorney, eventually we ended up on the opposite sides of an aviation case. Unlike so many other experts and lawyers in litigation today, Jack was a gentleman and we remained friends before and after we ended up on opposites sides.*

*And then for no reason at all, out of the blue, an invitation would show up to a Jack and Joan party. Clear the calendar--because an evening of laughter and friendship with Jack, Joan and company, was not to be missed.*

*Jack, you will be missed by so many, and I along with hundreds of others will say goodbye with thanks for a truly life-changing friendship. I can hear you saying, "Let's roll Hobbs!"--revealing your go-get-em attitude that extended to so many things in life.*

*With deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers for your family and friends,*

*Mary Fackler Schiavo  
OSU Flight School 1973-74  
OSU Grad School 76-77  
US DOT IG 1990-1996  
OSU Faculty 1997-2002*

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**Mary Schiavo** - May 05, 2016 at 03:50 PM

BO

*Many years ago, the OSU airport had a grass landing strip which would have been between what is now rwy 27L and TWY A. Jack had apparently used this a few times and proved it. After 27L was fully constructed and in service for sometime, Jack was inbound to OSU, assigned 27L and cleared to land. He appeared a little left of course but there was no concern as he acknowledged the RWY assigned and would correct for the RWY. Then with all the skills of a seasoned aviator, he made a perfect landing on the grass to which these words passed his lips to the tower, "OOPS" Gonna miss ya Jack! 😞. Bob Ambrose Xenia, Oh. Former controller OSU Tower.*

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**Bob Ambrose Xenia Ohio** - September 13, 2016 at 11:13 PM

GL

*“ I first met Jack while working for the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), back in the mid 1970's. At that time, I was the new kid on the block and Jack was someone to listen to and to learn from. Jack and his colleagues at OSU subsequently worked with us at GAMA to develop several educational projects intended to help enhance aviation safety. Other than our professional relationship, Jack and I became personal friends. He coached me on my flying skills, helping me become a better and safer pilot. I'll never forget when Jack showed up one evening for a GAMA-sponsored Aviation safety seminar dressed as an old-time preacher, in an all white suit with a black bow tie, and with a Jep Manual under his arm containing the "Ten Commandments for a Safe Flight". He gave an electrifying talk. Jack was not only a good friend, but a great teacher and excellent communicator. He will be missed!*

*Gary Livack  
Annapolis, Maryland*

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**gary livack** - May 04, 2016 at 04:30 PM

KK

“ To Brad, Jay, Pete and family, Your parents were very kind and generous to me, and Jack was so helpful and warm to my family. I wish you all peace as you celebrate your dad and his life.

*Our Best,  
Kim Gillie Krier & Family*

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**Kim Gillie Krier** - May 04, 2016 at 10:27 AM

HU

“ God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU for your service in Korea, Jack..... And Semper Fi. SIR



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**Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC** - May 04, 2016 at 10:03 AM

MS

“*JACK - My dear friend, former neighbor and "BDB" (i.e., beer-drinking buddy—his term!). You've been sorely missed since we bid Dublin adieu decades ago, and with your departure to join your dear wife, Joan, in the "Great Beyond," your absence will be felt all the more. Memories of you standing at our back door (typically unannounced but always welcome) with a huge grin and a six-pack are indelible. You'll never know how much your affability, generosity and unforgettable laugh helped Dane, Jill and me endure the stressful cancer struggles and eventual loss of our beloved mother and wife, Ann. You and Joan were there to console us at Ann's memorial service in 1996; and, although I'm not able to attend yours, I'm sure that Ann will be among the many welcoming you at the pearly gates. Our loss is indeed heaven's gain!*

*Mike Schukert*

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**Mike Schukert** - May 03, 2016 at 02:34 PM

SW

“*Jack gave me the opportunity to develop a career in university aviation. I am most grateful for that, his mentoring, and for his being a friend and comrade for more than fifty years.*

*Stacy Weislogel*

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**Stacy Weislogel** - May 03, 2016 at 02:25 PM

RN

“ Jay/Pete/Brad

*A Big Smile and a Big Laugh, every time you saw Jack Eggspuehler. Then he would say, NOURSE, and another Smile and Laugh! Just like he knew exactly what we all up to!*

*So sorry for your loss Jay/Pete/Brad. Your dad was a Great Man, who certainly squeezed all you could out of Life!*

*Cherish the Great Memories!*

*Dick and Eva Nourse*

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**Richard Nourse** - May 03, 2016 at 01:10 PM

DH

“ *Dr. Tara Haid purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jack Jay Eggspuehler.*



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**Dr. Tara Haid** - May 03, 2016 at 11:42 AM

MK

“ *My mom, Kathryn (DeNoma) Phillis, graduated from Rocky High with Mr. Eggspuehler. Having moved to Central Ohio in 1973, she was surprised to learn he lived here, too. She remembered him as a handsome and hard-working young man. Condolences from our family to yours.*

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**Marjorie (Phillis) Kruse** - May 03, 2016 at 06:21 AM

SL

“ Sincere sympathy to the family of our charter member Jack Eggspuehler.

*Fellow members of the Rotary Club of Dublin-Worthington.*



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**Shirley Lambert** - May 03, 2016 at 05:50 AM

FA

“ Jay, Pete and Brad:

*Please receive my condolences for such an irreparable loss. Meeting your father back in 1977 at The Gesling Ranch was a great blessing, honor and pleasure. People like him are very hard to come by in a lifetime and you, as his sons, should feel very proud of such a wonderful person you had as a father. My prayers go out for your prompt resignation and may God give you peace and comfort in these difficult moments of grief and sorrow. May his legacy be the guiding light for all of us who knew him and may we all say to him, for now, not goodbye but so long.*

*God bless you.*

*Frank Arata.*

*Liberia, Costa Rica.*

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**Frank Arata** - May 02, 2016 at 06:47 PM

GA

“ I was an airport kid at Don Scott beginning in 1960 when my family moved to West Henderson Road from Cleveland, bumming rides when I could and watching the OSU 150's come and go. By the late '60s I'd earned my CFI and was flying Cherokees as an instructor under Jack and Marv Easter while attending Ohio State, logging over 1000 hours of dual-given and enjoying the camaraderie of a well-run organization with Jack at the top. We enjoyed watching Jack fly his P-51 and many of us joined his NAFI.

I went on to a career in aviation law at FAA and then DoJ and on one notable occasion had the pleasure of squaring off in a Pittsburgh crash case in which Jack was the opposing pilot expert. It seemed only fair to put up as the FAA's expert another OSU Aviation CFI alum, Phil Compton, who by then was circling the globe flying Grumman G-IV's. Phil and I enjoyed going up against our old boss, and Jack (and the judge) enjoyed it immensely as well.

I know Jack was proud that his son Jay has had a fine legal career that has included aviation work as well. All of us who carry happy memories from the Department of Aviation flight program are grateful for his leadership, are pleased that he lived a full life and, and that he got his final takeoff clearance surrounded by his loving family. Condolences and blessings to his family and friends.

Gary W. Allen  
Williamsburg, VA

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Gary W. Allen - May 02, 2016 at 06:35 PM

CC

“ It was such an HONOR to have known you JACK. SALUTE

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Carlo Cautela - May 02, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ *My condolences on the loss of Jack. John Prince (Canadian fishing trips)*

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**John Prince** - May 02, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ *Our family was blessed to know Jack as a wonderful friend and neighbor. He was such a dynamic and caring person who helped so many of us along the way. You could always count on him to bring a smile to your face with his big hearty laugh! Jack, I know my family and our special group from Fitzgerald Dr. will think of you often and all of the fond memories like breakfast at Oscars with all the kids, a call as you flew over Dublin, goodies flown in from Florida, a party in the Barn or a dry newspaper leaning up against the front door at 6 am.*

*Rest in Peace Friend*

*Connie Campbell (Smothers) and family.*

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**Connie Campbell (Smothers)** - May 02, 2016 at 11:58 AM



“ *National Association of Flight Instructors purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Jack Jay Eggspuehler.*



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**National Association of Flight Instructors** - May 02, 2016 at 11:14 AM

BS

“ Jay and family:

*I can only echo what Matt Flesher said. In addition to being a colleague, I am honored to be have been able to call Jack a friend. Tailwinds, Jack. I will think of you every time I face west and raise a glass in your honor.*

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**Bob Scurfield** - May 02, 2016 at 10:03 AM

MF

“ Jay, Pete, Brad and family:

*All of us here at Textron Aviation (home of Cessna and Beechcraft) are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of your Dad, Jack. Jack was a legend in our industry; a lion for aviation and aviation products.*

*Those of us who were lucky enough to work with him will always remember him as a knowledgeable expert, an impassioned advocate for what he saw as right, and - most of all - as a supremely gifted teacher of all things aeronautical. We speak often of his innate, irreplaceable ability to "climb into the jury box," and teach a group of lay people about concepts of lift, thrust, drag and gravity, about the function of different parts of an aircraft, and about the duties and responsibilities of a pilot...and to make the jury not only understand them, but to care about them as much as he did. That kind of gift for teaching a subject can only come from a sincere, deeply felt love for it. Jack had that in spades.*

*As much as we have missed him as an expert witness and resource since his retirement, we will miss him even more now as a fierce friend and a true gentleman (in the best, most admirably old-fashioned sense of that word). Thanks to you all for sharing him with us.*

*Blue skies and tail winds, Jack. You will be missed and fondly remembered...and more than a little whisky will be spilled in your honor tonight here in Wichita.*

*Matt Flesher  
Assistant General Counsel  
Textron Aviation Inc.  
Wichita, Kansas*

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**Matthew D Flesher** - May 02, 2016 at 09:11 AM