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Airport Holds Annual Picnic



Jerry Kramer narrates flights of model airplanes

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, people of all sizes and planes of all sizes met at the airport to enjoy the annual picnic. Members of the Eastern Iowa Modelers and the Tri State Modelers flew aerobatic flights for the crowd. All the children between age of seven and seventeen was given the opportunity to become Young Eagles and get their first airplane ride. Planes came from Maquoketa, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Monticello and Luxemburg (Fred Lansing with his helicopter) to enjoy the day and entertain the flying enthusiasts in the area.

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Airport Loses A True Friend



Richard "Breeze" Wessels, 70, of Dyersville, Iowa died Monday October 2, 2006 at his home after a brief illness.

Friends called from 2:30 – 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at Kramer Funeral Home in Dyersville where a rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday October 5, 2006, at St. Francis Xavier Basilica, in Dyersville, Iowa with burial in church cemetery.

Breeze was born on July 16, 1936 in New Vienna, Iowa, the son of Ed and Dorothy (Oberbroeckling) Wessels. He served in the US Army from 1954 - 1956. When he returned he was united in

marriage to Cheryl Casey on July 13, 1973 in Cascade, Iowa. Breeze spent his youth farming before enlisting into the US Army. Upon return, he worked as a finish grader for Herbie Steger afterwards working for Fangman Cabinets. In 1994, he began the family business that would become Countertops Inc. Breeze was actively involved in both his business and hobbies.

Breeze enjoyed time spent with family and friends including boating, fishing and aviation. As a pilot and member of Dyersville Aviation Inc, he was instrumental in the development and maintenance of Dyersville's two airports.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl, 3 sons: Jim (Mary) and Doug, both of Dyersville, Iowa and Matt of Milwaukee, Wis; 2 daughters: Angie (Jamie) Pottebaum of Dyersville and Tracie Wessels of Milwaukee, Wis; 3 grandchildren: Lilli and Gabe Wessels and Alex Pottebaum; 1 sister, Ida Rose (LaVern) Sabers of Earlville, Iowa and 2 brothers: Robert (Frances) of Holy Cross, Iowa and Francis "Hank" of Toddville, Iowa

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Dorothy, a brother, Ernest, and his mother and father-in-law, James and Alberta Casey.

A Richard "Breeze" Wessels memorial fund has been established.

Condolences accepted and information at www.kramerfuneral.com.

Breeze has been the backbone of the airport. He was always there if problems arose or improvements were needed. His skills in every aspect of the airport will be missed.

Dyersville Aviation Pioneer



George Necker with a 1936 Great Lakes Biplane

This photo of George Necker was sent to us by another aviator, Clarence Hess. Clarence "Clancy" Hess was raised in Dyersville until his senior year of High School. Then his family moved to Cedar Rapids where he completed High School and went on to fly commercial airlines until he retired in the Chicago area. Clancey is still very active and keeps in touch with us.



Keith McCarraher preflights the airplane with Young Eagles



Throughout the afternoon lunch was available



All that came to the annual picnic enjoyed a beautiful day and a day filled with airplanes of all sizes

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