

## **Marshall J. Kaiser paid obit**

Marshall J. Kaiser of Deer Isle, Maine died today at age XX following a brief illness. His death was confirmed by his wife Kathy. Born in 1947 in Williamsport, PA, he spent his youth and early adult years in Sunbury, PA. He graduated from Bucknell University in 1969 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering spending the next 37 years in the electric utility industry, retiring in 2006 as President of Safe Harbor Water Power in Conestoga, PA. Even though he was employed within the large corporate world, he found ways to attain a high degree of autonomy by “flying below the radar”. He was especially passionate that all the employees within the organization be treated with dignity and respect, and found ways to ensure that.

But life was more than just working, as Marshall had an eclectic array of pursuits along the way, from marathon running to being a licensed commercial pilot to support crew for a transcontinental bicycle run to being an ambulance driver. He especially enjoyed the precision of real time operation of machinery, which he engaged in whenever he could.

One of the pursuits that exemplified that was his 35 year long passion for flying everything from seaplanes to gliders to single and multi-engine aircraft, operation in instrument flight conditions and into short airfields, and becoming a certified flight instructor. Safety was always paramount, hence a “no surprises” flight was a good flight. Flying into Stonington, ME with Kathy, luggage and 5 Labrador Retrievers on board exemplified all of that!

He was accompanied in most of those pursuits by Kathy, his wife of XXX years. She survives him and continues to live with their two current Labrador Retrievers (Stella and Brit) at their house of YY years in Deer Isle. It’s where they all love to be.

Having grown up in the small town of Sunbury, he couldn’t wait to get out of small-town life and move on to a more urban area. He always thought it ironic that he ended up retiring back to another small town, Deer Isle (which he loved). It turns out he really did like living in a place where everyone knew your name, and where you could easily find ways to contribute to the community.

Besides his wife Kathy, other survivors include his sisters Jane (Corcoran) of Cloverdale, CA and Nancy (O’Rourke) of Danville, PA, and Kathy’s 3 children (Jeff, Carrie, and Jen).

Donations in his name may be made to the Memorial Ambulance Corps, PO Box XX, Deer Isle, ME. 04627.