



John Seesing

October 28, 2010

John T. Seesing, 90, of Cape Girardeau died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010. He was born Oct. 17, 1920, in Leopold, Mo., to Henry George and Barbara Marie Hinkebein Seesing. He and Joyce Kirkland Seesing were married Nov. 15, 1947, in Waco, Texas. Before serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a liaison pilot, and retiring after 20 years in the Missouri National Guard as a first lieutenant, he attended Southeast Missouri Teachers College then returned to Leopold to teach at the grade school. He took great pride when remembering that soon after he started teaching he and Fr. Hutze were looking for ways to keep the children entertained and he suggested that they start playing volleyball as it was fairly inexpensive to set up. It worked. J.T., as he was known, co-founded Cape Central Airways in 1950, becoming the sole owner of the company in 1971 and then selling the company in 1976. He then built his aviation insurance into a respectable book of business before retiring in 2002. J.T. loved his family and his Lord. He was a leader in the community and a friend to everyone he came in contact with. Over the years many young people would come up to him at gatherings and talked with him about when they worked at the airport. It seemed as though every young man in Cape and Scott counties had worked for him. He had many life accomplishments such as founder/charter member of Missouri Pilots Club, founder/charter member of Cape Girardeau Pilots and Owners Association, and 55-plus years as a Rotarian along with being a Paul Harris Fellow. He started the radio broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's where he was a member 63 years. He was

involved in Scouting and received the Silver Beaver Award. The greatest accomplishments, he would tell you, was his ever growing family. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Seesing of Cape Girardeau; four sons, Paul V. "Chip" (Debbie) Seesing of Cape Girardeau, David T. (Pat) Seesing of China Spring, Texas, Gary H. (Margaret) Seesing of Prairie Village, Kan., Mark J. (Elizabeth) Seesing of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Jean M. (Lester "Skip") Harris and Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Tim) Roth of Cape Girardeau; a brother-in-law, Tom Elfrink of Leopold; a sister-in-law Jane Kirkland of Dallas Texas, nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; six great-stepgrandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry George Seesing; mother, Barbara Seesing; two sisters, Wilma Elfrink and Katherine Elfrink; and brother-in-laws, Albert Elfrink and Jack Kirkland. Friends may call 4 to 8 p.m. Monday November 1, 2010 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Chapel. Parish prayers will be at 7 p.m., with Knights of Columbus rosary to follow. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday November 2, 2010 at St. Mary Cathedral, with the Rev. Tom Keifer officiating. Entombment will be in Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum, with full military honors. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mary's School Foundation, or Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 1142, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Dear Seesing Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I know how deeply it hurts because I lost my dad and two brothers. I hope you find some joy in the fact that he indelibly impressed me as a teenager who babysat some of his younger children and so impressed me when he treated his wife with such respect that the love was absolutely palpable. He was the ultimate gentleman, helping her with her coat and opening the door for her, with his eyes dancing all the while. He seemed to radiate his love for her and, to this day, I love that memory. God bless Mr. Seesing and comfort his dear ones in their time of need so they may remember all the goodness he brought to this world and that they be able to celebrate that. The world is better off because he contributed in a most meaningful way. With love, Betty Hellige

Betty (Phelps) Hellige - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I was always happy to have known J.T. and especially to have worked for him and John Godwin. I worked on the line at Cape Central Airways four times from 1967 to 1971. J.T. & John had a good, simple way of dealing with employees. Every month or two they would have a meeting at the Ramada Inn, all were invited on a strictly voluntary basis. We were encouraged to participate in solving operational issues and say whatever we wanted. That was a good way to keep six or seven departments working well together. Their management was always even-handed, kind and forgiving. That ethic stayed with me. Hail to J.T.!

Dan Phelps - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ May the god's perpetual light shine upon him and may he rest in peace. Our heart felt prayers for Christ's peace and understanding in this time of grief.

John & Gloria McCue - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ To Gary and the rest of the Seesing family from your fellow pilots and co-workers at Russell Stover: Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss. Your dad must have been very special to you and your family, to his community and to the aviation world, as well. I'm sure he will be greatly missed. From, Dave, Ed, Jon, Ross and Randy

David Preston/RSC Flight Department - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Seesing Family, John was an inspiration to me when I was learning to fly, as a teenager. He was so jovial and encouraging. His memory will always be with me. My condolences, Kael

Kael Kirkpatrick - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ David & Pat, condoloences to you and all of your famiy in the passing of your father. May God Bless You in your time of sorrow.

Mike & Marilyn Jackson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ David,Pat, and Seesing family, Please accept our profound sympathy for the loss of your Father, Husband, and friend J.T. Knowing that he shares his eternal life with God, Our Father gives a sense of comfort. This verse from James is a favorite of mine. It seems that your Dad was a wise man. "Wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peaceloving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others;it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere" James 3:17 May God bless and keep you, Mikie and Bill

Mikie and Bill Taylor - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Our hearts ache for you during this difficult time of loss. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for you.

Gary & Carol Presley - June 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Mark and family, I am very sorry for your loss. I worked with him (and Mark) on the '93 Air Show in Cape. We had a great time and his experience and advice was invaluable. You will all be in my prayers! God Bless, Kevin Alfultis

Kevin Alfultis - April 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Gary, Joyce and family; Was sorry to hear of J.T.'s death. Thanks to knowing Gary, is how I met J.T. and Joyce. I enjoyed traveling to Cape when he worked with Ozark National. He was always positive, agressive and fun to be around. Most of all, he was a FRIEND of mine. I will miss him. May God Bless You and your Family durung this time of sorrow.

Richard Luelf - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ To the family of John Seesing. You have my deepest sympathies. John was a wonderful man. I met him when I purchased pioneer fund through him. It was a joy to know him and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Jo Donna (Hensley) Priest and family.

Jo Priest - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Betty and the Seesing family, I am so sorry to hear of the death of your dad. He was such an inspiration to me. I wish to extend my condolences to all of you. You will be in Rhonda and my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Matt Davis - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ David, I was very sorry to learn that your father had died . . . I never knew him, but if he rubbed off on you, then he must have been a great man! Please know that Amy and I are saddened by this, and wish you all the best. Your friend, Bill Peper

Bill and Amy Peper - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dearest Joyce and Family Members. A sad and heavy heart when I heard Gary's voicemail first thing Mond. Morning. We thought of JT and Joyce many times. Business Friends and Personal Friends. Our sincere condolences. Doug and Patti Carr

Doug Carr - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Please accept our condolences on the passing of your father. I grew up in Leopold next door to Barbara and Henry Seesing, and my parents Josephine and Henry Holweg spoke well of your father, Johnny. My older brothers and sisters remember him landing a helicopter in his parents' yard; quite a bit of excitement for Leopold. I best remember him for the wonderful fireworks he shot off next door to our house each July 4th when I was a kid. May his spirit live on in all who knew him!

Bill & Carleen (Holweg) Johns - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dearest Joyce and children. I am deeply saddened to hear of J. T. death. Joyce, you and J.T. were my idols when I was in high school and babysitting with the kids. You were the best example of love and family. Chip, Dave, Gary, Mark, Jean and Betty, I am so sorry that your Dad had to leave before you were ready to let him go. Just know that he is in heaven and preparing the way for you and yours. What a wonderful legacy he left behind. I am sorry I couldn't be with you for the funeral. Since today is All Saints Day, we can count Dad among the host of angels and saints. I love you all and you are in my prayers. Julie

Julie Buehrle - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Mark, Chip and your families, you're in our thoughts and prayers.
Mark and Donna Hetherington

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