



## Martin J. Springer

September 14, 1941 - September 7, 2018

Ashby: Martin J. Springer, 76, of Ashby, died unexpectedly Friday, September 7, 2018 at Health Alliance – Leominster Hospital after being stricken ill at home earlier that day.

Mr. Springer was born in Wausau, Wisconsin, September 14, 1941 a son of Joseph M. and Valerie (Pempek) Springer and has resided in Ashby for 34 years.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, Linda J. (White) Springer; a daughter, Sandra A. Springer and her husband, Craig G. Gunderson of Guilford, CT; three grandchildren, Samuel Gunderson, Henry Gunderson, and Anna Gunderson; and Linda's son Michael Massa and his wife, Joanne and their son Nicholas of Pennsylvania .

He was the brother of the late Leonard Springer, Margie Knapzyk, Lillian Dollinger and Marcella Yates and uncle of the late Steven Springer of Wausau, Wisconsin. Surviving relatives include his sister-in-law Ruth Springer and niece Roxanne Weckler in Wisconsin.

He had been employed as a manager of Nedrow Airpark in Syracuse, NY for many years starting at the age of 19. During this time he was also a flight instructor and taught many Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) students for the Army, Navy and Air Force Divisions of the United States Armed Forces,

as well as many other commercial airline and general pilots. He was later employed for over 40 years as Chief of Aircraft Maintenance of the Executive Aircraft Operation Divisions at both Crouse-Hinds Company in Syracuse, NY and Raytheon Company in Bedford, MA. He retired from Raytheon in 2004.

An avid pilot since the age of 16 when he built his first of three airplanes, Mr. Springer was recognized as a Gold Seal Pilot. His most beloved of the three airplanes that he built was a World War II Stearman that won numerous awards. Marty himself won several awards for his success as a pilot including the Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award in appreciation for his 50 consecutive years of dedicated service, technical expertise, professionalism and many outstanding contributions that furthered the caused of aviation safety in 2009 administered to him by the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and was an active local member of the Orange, MA Aeroclub for over 20 years.

He was a communicant of St. John's Church, Townsend. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 Am Saturday, September 15th at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Burial will be private and there are no calling hours.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend is assisting the family with arrangements. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information or to leave an e-condolence. In lieu of flowers his family requests contributions to a charity of choice in his memory

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church  
1 School St  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2291

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Our condolences to you and your family. I was very sadden to find that Martin had passed. The last time I saw him was in Wausau in the early 1950's. He is my cousin, I was born in 1945 and go by Marty. My dad, George Springer, was Martin's dad's brother. I am doing family history and was doing some research on that part of the family. Martin has many aunts and uncles: Lawrence, Frank, Francis, Benny, Adeline, Marie, Helen, and John. Many more cousins. I was hoping you could share a picture of Martin with one of his planes for our family history book. Thank you.  
Martin S Springer- martymichiko@gmail.com

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**Marin Springer** - September 03, 2022 at 10:50 AM

EL

“ Elaine lit a candle in memory of Martin J. Springer



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**Elaine** - September 15, 2018 at 08:16 PM

MB

“ Dear Linda,  
I will always remember the many years Marty and I worked together at Raytheon. As a team we made many memories and the Raytheon Executive Aircraft Maintenance Dept. is a better place because of Marty's contributions.

Susan and I express our sincere sympathy  
Mike and Sue Burke,  
Friday, September 14, 2018

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**Mike Burke** - September 14, 2018 at 06:37 PM

BR

“ Bruce R. purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Martin J. Springer.



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**Bruce R.** - September 12, 2018 at 05:28 PM

JM

“ Linda and family we were sorry to hear of Marty passing. Marty was a very good friend of mine. We have fond memories at the airport and brunch at the Old Mill restaurant and coffee at DDO. Another fond memory last October was a train ride with Linda and Marty.

*Jeff and Marilyn Mayko*

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**Jeff Mayko** - September 12, 2018 at 08:36 AM

EL

“ Linda so sorry for your loss

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**Elaine** - September 12, 2018 at 07:33 AM

NC

“ I had the chance to spend some time with Aunt Linda, looking at pictures and it was clear to see Marty was incredibly talented. Not just with airplanes, but house building, and building beautiful furniture. I will remember his bright blue eyes and always a big smile on his face as he poked fun at my husband every time we were together.

*We are deeply sorry for you loss Linda and Sandy.*

*Love*

*Nancy, Paul and Rachel Crinklaw*

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**Nancy Crinklaw** - September 11, 2018 at 01:19 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Martin J. Springer.*



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September 11, 2018 at 01:13 PM

GM

“ *This is how I'll always remember Marty. He loved that houseboat and took such good care of it.*



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**Gary and Sally Millis** - September 11, 2018 at 08:07 AM

DW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. With much sympathy, Debora Woollacott

Debora Woollacott - September 11, 2018 at 06:38 AM

HT

“ Linda, Mark and I are so saddened to hear about Marty's death. We will miss his smile and good nature. Harry will miss him too.

Harriet Tetley - September 10, 2018 at 12:47 PM

GM

“ Marty's quick wit and sense of humor will be what I'll miss most. He was one of first friends I had at Remar's Shipyard in 2004 when we both bought our houseboats. The difference was Marty knew how to work on his and keep it running, our's was more of a cottage on the water. He was so talented. I will miss him so very much and he'd be the first to tell you, I still owe him a beer for some bet we made years ago. I continue to look over at the slip they had at the Islander Marina and wish I could turn back time. My sincere condolences to Linda and Marty's family.

Gary Millis - September 10, 2018 at 10:20 AM

EL

Linda so sorry for your loss

Elaine - September 10, 2018 at 11:58 AM



Sarah Burns

Linda, I am very sorry for your loss!

Sarah Burns - September 12, 2018 at 02:15 AM

RU

“ Linda, our thoughts and hearts are with you on your loss of Marty. If you need us, our numbers are still the same, even though we are now in Florida.

*Russ and Gail  
Boynton Beach, Florida*

**Russ** - September 09, 2018 at 05:41 PM

KO

“ Ken And Carol O'Connell lit a candle in memory of Martin J. Springer



**Ken and Carol O'Connell** - September 08, 2018 at 07:34 PM

KO

*RIP Marty...108 days....we will miss our friend 'in front of us.'*

**Ken and Carol O'Connell** - September 08, 2018 at 07:40 PM

VT

*Marty I will miss your great sense of humor...you always followed your jokes about my biplane being too small with terrific support for the mutual love of aviation! You will be missed! Vic Torti*

**Victor Torti** - September 09, 2018 at 10:34 AM

JV

*Linda, we are so very sorry to hear of Marty's passing. He and Julian can now "reminisce" in heaven about Nedrow Airpark, and all of the fun they had. We missed both of you at "Thanksgiving" this year on Labor Day, as did our neighbors. They extend their sympathies, as well. May God bless him and keep him in His loving arms.*

**John and Barb Vault** - September 09, 2018 at 12:41 PM

CH

*Condolences to the Springer Family during this difficult time. May he rest in peace. <3 Cindy Hanes*

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**Cindy Hanes** - September 10, 2018 at 01:58 PM

CC

*sorry for your loss...words can't express our feelings and we hope you make it through the hard times and our thoughts and prayers are with you.....love charlie cirtwill and carol & family*

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**charlie cirtwill** - September 10, 2018 at 06:07 PM

CN

*Linda I was so sorry to hear about Martys passing.He was a good friend to our family especially my father, he always looked forward to seeing him.*

*My thoughts ad prayers for you and Sandy as you go through this difficult time.*

*Carol Vault Nolan*

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**Carol Nolan** - September 14, 2018 at 04:22 PM