In Memory of
Adrian "Sandy" Sandziuk
Vice President West, IFALDA
Air Canada, Retired
1938 - 2013

This photo reminds me of the true spirit of Sandy. He always greeted you with open arms and a big smile. His life has left a huge foot print on this earth, and as you can see, Sandy is leaving us some very big shoes to fill.

You have been cleared on a heading of 270, "Gone West".

You will be missed my friend.
Rick Ketchersid
President, IFALDA
The passing of Adrian (Sandy) Sandziuk

By Munro C. Smith

On Monday the 22nd of July 2013, Sandy succumbed to his injuries as a result of a tragic accident at his home in North Bay. As a devoted husband, son, father, grandfather and brother he was surrounded by his loving family at the time of his passing.

Sandy was devoted to his friends and colleagues all over the world and his friendship will be remembered and cherished by all of us.

He loved his work at Trans-Canada Airlines/Air Canada (TCA/ACA) and throughout this time held several supervisory positions including Training Chief and Ministry of Transport Check Dispatcher. Throughout his ACA career he was very involved with the Canadian Airline Dispatchers Association (CALDA) where he held several executive positions over many years. As part of his CALDA activities he was involved, for several days a month for approximately three years, in the Commission of Inquiry into the Air Ontario Crash at Dryden, Ontario (Canada). Sandy fostered good relations and worked closely with the United States flight dispatcher organization – Airline Dispatchers Federation (ADF). He was an active member of the International Federation of Airline Dispatchers Association (IFALDA) and participated on numerous of their committees. As an ambassador in our aviation community he had the privilege of being a representative of IFALDA working on a couple of committees at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). These committees were investigating safety and procedures necessary to conduct a safe flight around active volcano’s. The most recent committee he was working on was dealing with Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) and the necessary involvement of Dispatchers in this process. Sandy presented how Air Canada dispatchers have been trained for many years to handle HAZMAT issues on day of flight. Every day was an adventure for him and he spread his knowledge through training courses and mentoring fellow and new employees in flight dispatch techniques and responsibilities.

Sandy was in the Royal Canadian Air Force prior to coming to TCA/ACA. After joining TCA/ACA he spent a couple of years on the ramp in North Bay before coming to Toronto to be a flight dispatcher. Sandy was dedicated to TCA/ACA and Flight Safety and his inputs in the aviation community have been invaluable and even after retirement from Air Canada he continued his involvement with CALDA, IFALDA and ADF working for the betterment of dispatchers and flight crew worldwide.

He loved to eat and have an occasional wee dram of scotch.

He did have one quirk – he loved working midnight shifts.

One of his great passions outside of his family and airline life was hockey. He played hockey up until his recent hip surgery.
Life, like "Hockey is a funny game. You have to prove yourself every shift, every game. It's not up to anybody else. You have to take pride in yourself." (Paul Coffey).

Sandy took great pride in his life and talents and enjoyed all of this to the fullest. He will be sincerely missed.

As a friend and colleague the finest compliment that can be made about Sandy is – he was a GentleMan.

Celebration of Life for Adiran (Sandy) Sandziuk

In keeping with Adrian's wishes there will be no funeral.

The Family will receive friends in
Milton on Sunday July 28, 2013 from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136, 21 Charles St.

The North Bay Yacht Club on Wednesday July 31, 2013
from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial donations to the Trillium Gift of Life Network. The family would like to thank all of the medical teams involved for their efforts and great compassion.

Messages of condolence may be left online at www.earlyfuneralhome.com