

Flights 3378 and 3379 Memorial Dedication Information Supplement

Carpenter Park, Cary, NC

May 14, 2016



Each Memorial stone wall points toward the accident site of the flight it represents.

It was a long time coming, 28 years, but at the same time, we could celebrate today; we could celebrate life, and not mourn.

**- Virginia Ross, Wife of Flight 3378 Passenger
Richard W. Ross**

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Introduction

We have prepared this electronic supplement to the Flights 3378 and 3379 Memorial Dedication Program to share additional information about the event. This electronic version contains the photographs below while the printed version does not, but the content is otherwise identical.

The weather was sunny and some 300 people were in attendance. There was an Honor Guard of firefighters from the Cary and Morrisville Fire Departments and a pipe and drum corps.



The Cary and Morrisville Fire Departments honored the occasion with a beautiful American flag tribute.



Survivors' names are listed on one side of the Flight 3379 Memorial stone wall.

The Memorial is in a beautiful, tranquil setting in a quiet corner of Carpenter Park, away from the playgrounds and sports courts. The park wasn't quite finished yet so the grass and landscaping hadn't fully filled out.

About the Remembrance

For each person who perished on Flights 3378 and 3379, a bell was tolled and their name was recited. Family members and friends then came forward to lay flowers and mementos on an empty seat, each of which symbolized one of those 27 cherished souls.

We honored the Flight 3379 survivors' courage and perseverance by reciting each of their names.

The Fire Department Honor Guard then led a procession to the Memorial itself, where three clergy members led the group in prayer.

Reverend Lourduraj Alapaty, from St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church, began with a general blessing, after which Pastor Josh Franklin of the Good Hope Baptist Church blessed the Flight 3378 Memorial stone and Pastor Ervin E. Milton of the Union Chapel Church of Christ blessed the Flight 3379 Memorial stone.

Of note is that Pastor Milton was the family pastor for Flight 3379 passenger David M. Parker, Jr. As such, he officiated at Officer Parker's funeral and was instrumental in reaching out to the Parker family to inform them about the Dedication.

After the blessings, all who had laid flowers in remembrance were called to the center of the Memorial. Each member of the group simultaneously released a Monarch butterfly representing one of the 27 souls lost.

The pipe and drum corps concluded the ceremony by playing *Amazing Grace* while leading a procession back to the tent and parking area.

We could not reach all of the families of those lost, and some were unable to attend. In those cases, first responders who were at the scene of one of the accidents, along with employees of American Airlines and American Eagle, volunteered to perform the remembrances as noted in the list following. Each felt privileged to have such a special opportunity, and this approach ensured that each of those lost could be appropriately honored. It also illustrated the remarkable circle of care and compassion that includes everyone touched by these accidents.

Flight 3378

Passenger or Crew Member

Glenn Bogitsh

Libby Bogitsh

Michael E. Grindle

Henry A. Lewis

John V. Oliver

Roger I. Wilcox

Remembrance by:

Mark Justice, First Responder

Lisa Miller, First Responder

Jerry Miller, First Responder

Terrence McCullough, American Airlines

Dave Ferrell, First Responder

Noonie George, First Responder

Flight 3379

Passenger or Crew Member

Dennis Allain
William Gibson
Capt. Michael P. Hillis
Scott A. Johnson
Bryan V. Kerchal
Keith J. Korhorn
F/O Matthew I. Sailor
Douglas T. Suckow

Remembrance by:

Ken Jenkins, CARE Team¹
DeeAnn Feuerstein, American Eagle
Michael Davis, American Eagle
Kim Frierson, CARE Team
Lauren Tascione, CARE Team
Bo Lusardi, American Eagle
Lisa Maldonado, CARE Team
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Program Addition

We regret that the following bio was inadvertently omitted from the printed program.

Marie Anderson, Mother of Flight 3379 Survivor Lauren S. Anderson

Marie was a court reporter in New York for 15 years before retiring with her husband, Rich, to Asheville, NC. She met Dr. Carolyn Coarsey soon after Lauren's accident and became involved with the training of Aviem clients and Family Assistance Foundation Members. Marie and Carolyn began organizing the Memorial project five years ago, an effort which grew through the years and eventually resulted in the Memorial's construction in Cary's Carpenter Park. Marie currently works part-time via the internet as a proofreader for court reporters in New York.

News Coverage

WRAL-TV's Bryan Mims did an excellent job capturing the feel of the Dedication event; however, we would like you to be aware that the report contains footage of news reports at the time that show aircraft wreckage at the accident sites. Mr. Mims' report may be viewed [here](#). If you are reading a printed copy of this document, you may email russell.goutierez@fafonline.org to request a link, or type this into your browser:

<http://www.wral.com/memorial-names-fallen-from-pair-of-triangle-plane-crashes/15704058/>

TV station WNCN also produced a report, which may be viewed [here](#). The full URL is:

<http://wncn.com/2016/05/14/victims-of-2-raleigh-area-plane-crashes-honored-with-new-memorial/>

Note: If you are unable in the future to access the video reports, please contact Dede Young at dede.young@fafonline.org as we may be able to send a video file.

¹ American Airlines was the first airline to contact Dr. Carolyn Coarsey about her research when it was published in 1992. One year later, American's CARE Team became the industry's first formal post-accident support program. CARE Team members are company employees who have volunteered for the role and undergo specialized training based on Dr. Coarsey's Human Services Response™ model.

The Memorial Dedication on DVD

The Foundation is sponsoring a professional video production of the Dedication. We will announce the DVD's availability and the ordering process via email.

Our goal is to make the DVDs as affordable as possible. The exact per-copy price will be determined by production and distribution expenses and how much of those costs can be covered by contributions to the Memorial Fund.

Status of Memorial Fund

The Foundation and Memorial Committee are deeply grateful for the kindness of the many generous people and organizations who made the Memorial possible. In response to ongoing questions regarding donations, we are still welcoming them to help offset costs related to the Dedication event.

We also hope the Fund will be able to cover part of the substantial production and distribution costs for the event DVD, which will enable us to offer it at the lowest possible price per copy.

Contributions of any amount will help and are very much appreciated. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and we provide all donors with a letter to that effect as a receipt for tax purposes. Please contact Dede Young at dede.young@fafonline.org or 404-881-2895 if you wish to contribute.

From Survivors and Families

The following are a few examples of the positive feedback we have received, all of which only deepens the honor felt by each of us who had the privilege of being involved in this project.

The Memorial Dedication was a very special event for myself and my family. It was almost surreal to be at an event remembering my father and the others that perished 28 years after the tragedy, but those types of wounds never fully heal. Thus, it was still a source of comfort despite the length of time that has passed. And it's very special for me, having just had my first child (a daughter) and living within 10 minutes of the Memorial...when my daughter is a bit older, we will be able to go visit the Memorial whenever we want and I can tell her stories of her grandfather.

Thanks again to you and your group for all that you did for this special Memorial.

- Wes Cole, Family member of Flight 3378 Captain Walt Cole
(via email)

It was everything I expected it to be.

- Captain Dee Sherrow, Chairman, Flight 3378 Memorial
Committee and best friend of Flight 3378 Captain Walt Cole

It's really a magical thing, actually. It's a very special thing for us, specifically, because we now have a place to go to and remember him.

- Alexander Kast, Family member of Flight 3379 passenger
Jonathan Kast (TV interview with WRAL)

We looked at the articles/videos and were quite impressed and thankful for everything that's been done for the Memorial. We're looking forward to visiting and hope we'll be able to arrange to do so next year.

- Ken Korhorn, Family member of Flight 3379 passenger Keith Korhorn (via email)

Thank you for being my bridge to the dedication and to those who were so important on that fateful night so long ago. Thank you for introducing me to David [Ferrell, who rescued Ron]. Although I wasn't there, I can visualize the proceedings, and it looked marvelous in my mind. And I truly believe those who passed now have a place to visit their loved ones when their relatives visit the memorial.

Again, thanks for everything you have done, to reach out to me and to make me a part of the dedication although I couldn't be there.

- Ron Lewis, Flight 3379 survivor (via email)

In Closing

Our goal was to make the Memorial and the Dedication special and meaningful to those most deeply touched by these two tragedies. The Foundation and the Memorial Committee wish to express their deep and heartfelt gratitude to the Town of Cary and to every individual who helped make this dream a reality. Whether your contribution involved time, money, materials, coordination, or ideas, all were essential to success and each was very much appreciated.

The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them.

- Czesław Miłosz, Polish poet, writer, and Nobel laureate, from *The Issa Valley*

