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Max E. Grogan ([Sign Guestbook](#))

November 9, 1945 – June 9, 2017



Max Eugene Grogan, age 71, passed away on June 9, 2017 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was born in Rockmart, GA and graduated Rockmart High School in 1962. He attended West Georgia College for two years, where he was a baseball standout. In 1964, he was drafted by the Cleveland Indians and played for two years for their AA team in Dubuque, IA. In 1966, he was drafted into the US Army, serving first as a tank crewman and then an artillery officer during the Vietnam War. While stationed at Ft Lewis, WA he earned his private pilot's license and developed a love for flying that would continue for the rest of his life. After leaving the army in 1969, he returned to Georgia where he received a BBA from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. He worked as an oil distributor until he went into business for himself and founded

MBG properties. He successfully ran the business until he died.

Max enjoyed photography and golf, but by far his favorite hobby was flying his Beechcraft Bonanza aircraft which was hangared at the Knoxville Downtown Island Airport. He was an instrument-rated pilot whose enthusiasm for flying was contagious. He never met a stranger, and he would gladly take anyone he met for a ride in his plane. He and his family flew all over the United states, along with his co-pilot, his faithful dog, "Jessie." For many years he participated in the Angel Flight program, which transported patients and their families for medical treatment free of charge. He was a charter member of the BeechTalk online forums, and he hosted eight fly-ins for fellow BeechCraft pilots to come to Knoxville and share their love for flying. At the 8th fly-in, the members presented him with a plaque for his service and declared him to be the first "Ambassador of BeechTalk".

Max is survived by his wife of 51 years, Bobbi Dill Grogan; son Brandon Grogan; sister Linda Wilkes and husband Ed; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents Robert and Queenie Grogan; brothers Donald, Terry, and Lynn; sisters Zelah Queen and Lucy Collins; and his beautiful daughter, Meghan Grogan. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, July 8th at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 5409 Jacksboro Pike Knoxville, TN. Receiving of friends will follow. Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the Grogan family and invites you to view and sign their online guestbook below.

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Facts

Birth: November 9, 1945

Birthplace: Rockmart, Georgia

Death: June 9, 2017

Deathplace: Knoxville, Tennessee

Services

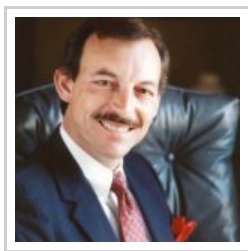
Receiving of Friends

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Photos



30 guestbook entries for "Max E. Grogan":

David Hollow (a Beechtalk friend) says:

June 12, 2017 at 4:29 pm

My condolences to the Grogan Family.

Reply

Jackie & Ron Smiddy says:

June 12, 2017 at 5:53 pm

Our love and prayers are with you.

Reply

Danny and Martha Bell says:

June 12, 2017 at 9:04 pm

Our condolences to Bobbi and the Grogan family. Max was a high school classmate and friend. I have fond memories of those high school days. RIP my Vietnam Brother!

Danny and Martha Bell

Reply

Tony Caldwell says:

June 12, 2017 at 9:31 pm

I only had the privilege to meet Max face to face on one occasion but enjoyed his writing, photography and love of flying on Beechtalk. He was a true gentleman.

My condolences to Bobbi and entire family.

Reply

Jimmie R Jones says:

June 13, 2017 at 6:17 am

My deepest condolences to the family. I have fond memories of Max growing up in Polk county GA.

Reply

Joan Leatherwood says:

June 13, 2017 at 8:16 am

So sorry to hear of Max passing. We were friends from high school in Rockmart. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Reply

Charles Young says:

June 13, 2017 at 8:52 am

A good class mate

Reply

Elaine Harris Popham says:

June 13, 2017 at 10:22 am

I am so sorry to learn that Max has passed away....I went to school with him and graduated with him in 1962. At our 50th year reunion I had to ask someone who that tall, good looking guy was and when he said Max I replied "what" and of course went immediately to talk with him. I made the comment you grew up and Max said yes when I started college I started to grow. I will always remember Max and was looking forward to seeing him at number 55 when I learned he was ill. I immediately signed his get well card. I have a great picture of he and I at number 50. What a great guy!

Reply

Alice and George Hunt says:

June 13, 2017 at 10:29 am

Bobbi,

We extend our most sincere sympathy to you and Brandon in your loss.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Reply

Bob and Lynne Davis says:

June 13, 2017 at 10:50 am

Max was truly a Southern gentleman and a kind Christian man. We will always have fond memories of him, and our friendship at the airport. He inspired us all with his generous spirit.

Reply

Traci Brown says:

June 13, 2017 at 2:14 pm

My heart aches for my special Uncle Max and loving wife and my Aunt Bobbi and cousin Brandon. Always a special place in my heart. He will be missed.

Reply

Parris says:

June 13, 2017 at 2:41 pm

I have many memories of my Uncle Max. Bobbie you are dear to me in my heart and I am sorry that Max has passed. I know you and Brandon have each other, and I know you have 51 years of great memories. Bless Max, may he rest in peace. Blessings to you and Brandon, dear Bobbi. Much love!

Reply

Mary Embler says:

June 13, 2017 at 5:29 pm

Bobbi,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in my prayers, especially for that wonderful "peace that passes all understanding".

Your Good Samaritan friend,

Mary Embler

Reply

Vickie Leach says:

June 13, 2017 at 7:24 pm

I love you and really miss you. You were my brother more than an Uncle. Bobbi and Brandon will always be a part of my life and I know you are in heaven, well, and your old self. Give my Mom and Dad a hug.

Reply

Patti Rowell says:

June 13, 2017 at 7:40 pm

Max and I go way back to school days. I always enjoyed his friendship and kind ways. He and Nancy Jones Law were the only two younger than me in our graduating class. We had so much fun at our 50th reunion and a year later as the Bell's home. I was blessed to have talked with him on one of his good days back in March, never dreaming it would be our last conversation. I'll always cherish that memory. I understand your heartbreak, Bobbie. God Bless You. Patti O'Bryant Rowell

Reply

Faye Leatherman says:

June 13, 2017 at 9:27 pm

To Max and Bobbi..our hearts are so sad because a great man has left this earth.but we know he loved so many while he was here that his love and life will sustain those untill they to make that trip to those wonderful streets of gold.always in our heart and often on our mind..much love is given

Reply

Dolph Williams says:

June 14, 2017 at 11:00 am

Bobbi,

You have my deepest sympathy at your devastating loss of Max. He was a wonderful friend to us all.

Reply

Raude & Linda Edge Bowman says:

June 14, 2017 at 4:16 pm

Junior and I were classmates with Max.Sorry to hear about his passing.Bobbi our prayers are with you.

Reply

Harold Grogan Gary says:

June 15, 2017 at 11:45 am

Bobbi and Brandon you have my deepest sympathy on Max passing. As one of many cousins we will all miss him. Uncle Robert & Aunt Quieenie were amoung my favorites, our families grew up together in Cedartown and Rockmart. I wish I could have been there with you but, am unable to Drive any distance. May God keep you with love. Love Harold Grogan Gary.

Reply

Patricia Jones says:

June 15, 2017 at 1:25 pm

My deepest sympathies and condolence. May God give you and your family peace

during this time.

Reply

Alice Thornton says:

June 15, 2017 at 4:24 pm

Bobbi –

Max was a vibrant and gracious person. My deepest sympathies to you, his loving wife, and to all of his family and friends.

Reply

David Sharp says:

June 15, 2017 at 5:06 pm

Max was one of my dearest and favorite cousins. I spent a summer living with him, his brothers. Uncle Robert and Aunt Queenie, working in their egg business. We worked, played baseball and rode horses all summer. These are times I will never forget. In 1963, Max and I tried out with the Baltimore Orioles, but neither of us were signed. I had to go in service and Max continued trying out for baseball teams until the Cleveland Indians signed him. At his brother's funeral he invited us to visit, but my wife's bad health prevented us from ever doing so. Miss you Max.

Reply

Jerry Depew says:

June 16, 2017 at 8:09 am

The aviation community will miss him and his dog.

Reply

Todd Makiyama says:

June 17, 2017 at 7:58 pm

I've never met Max face to face. I'm just one of an incredible number of Beechtalk pilots who Max's infectious personality and incredible willingness to share and give, was fortunate enough to meet him online.

The Grogan family has our prayers. Max will be incredibly missed.

Reply

Dick Martin says:

June 21, 2017 at 5:35 pm

Dear Bobbi,

I was deeply saddened to hear of Max's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless you.

Reply

Allen Rhinehart says:

June 22, 2017 at 8:57 am

Played Pony and Colt league baseball with Max, I was a catcher and remember when he came to the plate always went to the mound and told the pitcher "don't give him anything to hit", didn't help seemed he would always line one out to the center field wall... Great person.. Regards to family and friends...

Reply

Jim & Darlene Lara says:

July 3, 2017 at 12:29 pm

We have enjoyed Max and Bobbi for several years. A true leader in the BeechTalk world, organizing and leading terrific Fly-In's to Knoxville's Downtown Airport. Max will be missed by all of those he influenced with his positive outlook on darn near everything. Even though he has "Flown West", he will be in our hearts and memories for years to come. Our prayers are with Bobbi and the family.

[Reply](#)

Fay Goss Tarbush says:

July 8, 2017 at 7:28 pm

Bobbi and Family, my thoughts and prayers have been with you all on this day of Max's memorial service. I was a classmate of Max at Rockmart High and took several classes with him. Most classroom seat assignments were set up alphabetically during that era and with last names of "Goss" and "Grogan" we almost always were assigned seats with me in front of him. Needless to say, I enjoyed a lot of his antics in these classes. I also took some classes with his older brother, Donald. Both of them were very much "gentlemen" in my presence. At our 50th class reunion was the first time I had seen Max since our high school graduation and he had never lost his jovial personality over all those years. I'll will always cherish my memories of him.

[Reply](#)

Tara Weidner says:

July 16, 2017 at 1:47 am

Max, you've been called home to the lord. May you look over us from above and instill within us some of your graciousness.

I hope that we all get the opportunity to "come fly with (you)" when we reach our final resting place.

God bless you and your family.

[Reply](#)

Reba T. Payne says:

July 23, 2017 at 6:55 pm

Dear Bobbi & Brandon,

I wish to express my sincere sympathy to you and other family members.

Love, Reba

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