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Memory of Pilot Lives on in Scholarship

When Eldon Beresford passed away on September 14th, 2004, his family discussed various options to best create a personal memorial to Eldon and his passion for aviation.

"Eldon's love of aviation was unmatched. He enjoyed spreading his love of flying to everyone he met," said Jonetta Beresford, Eldon's wife of nearly 50 years.

The choice soon became quite clear to the Beresford family. They decided to create the Eldon Beresford Scholarship to sponsor an individual's participation in EAA's Air Academy every year for perpetuity.

"Eldon loved to get kids involved in aviation. He gave kids ride every chance he got. He was very active in EAA's Young Eagles program,

Growing up in Iowa and attending a one-room school house, Eldon could have easily left his dreams of flying as just that, dreams and nothing more. However, he possessed the drive and can-do spirit that is evident in so many EAA members and found a way to live his fantasy. As a teenager, he washed airplanes at the local airport in exchange for flight time, giving rise to a career in aviation that would culminate in his becoming a pilot at United Airlines for 38 years.

The Eldon Beresford Scholarship

"We wanted this opportunity to be given to one boy or girl from Iowa, Illinois, or Wisconsin, since Eldon grew up in Iowa, we've lived most of our lives together in Illinois and Wisconsin,

scholarship participant, but rather has chosen to be informed of the scholarship panel's decision each March and to receive a copy of the recipient's scholarship application.

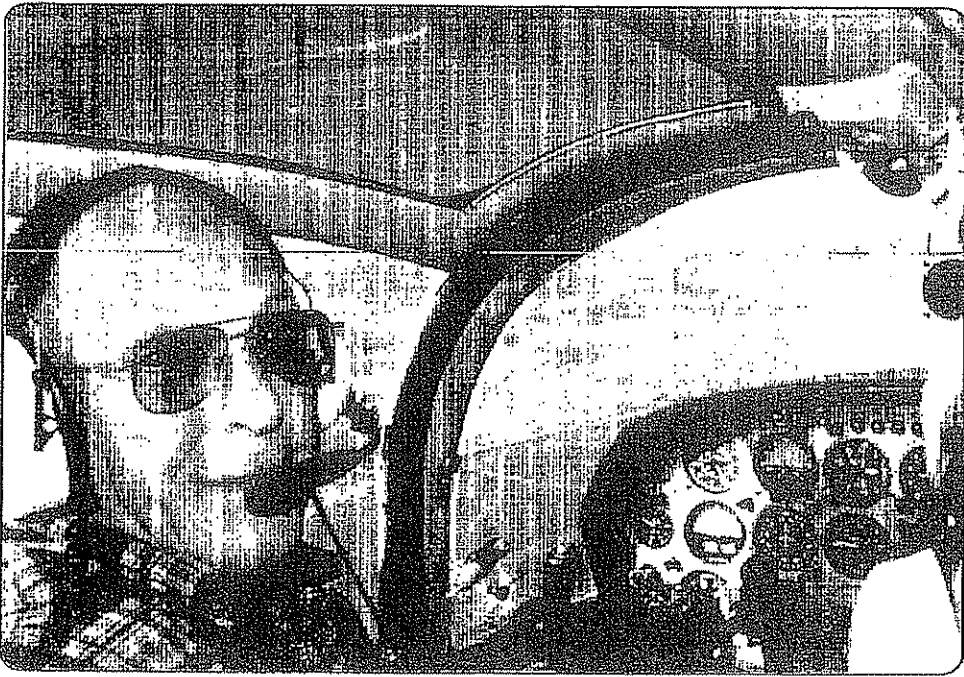
"We hope to keep close communication with each of the children chosen to receive the Eldon Beresford Scholarship. That helps make it even more special for our whole family."

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EAA's Air Academy is indeed a special opportunity to influence young people's lives. Since 1984, the EAA Air Academy has hosted thousands of students from around the world on voyages of self-discovery and aviation. The EAA Air Academy is a resident aviation program that takes place on the beautiful EAA Aviation Center campus, which includes the EAA Air Academy Lodge, the EAA Leadership Center, the EAA AirVenture Museum and the historic Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh. From the first day a camper arrives, the sky literally becomes the goal as a dynamic aviation experience begins. The campers get involved in aviation through a variety of in-the-workshop activities as well as an in-the-air experience. Program participants gain increased levels of competency in the core subjects of math and science which are critical to aviation. Involvement in aviation related programs and activities, such as Air Academy, has been proven to increase interest and engagement.

"The sky always put a smile on Eldon's face."

There could be no better way to remember the life of Eldon Beresford than to share what was so important to him with others. This tribute will impact lives, putting smiles on many young faces for years to come.



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Eldon was often described as a pilot's pilot by his co-workers at United Airlines. Considered to be a quiet, caring, and gentle man, Eldon flew right up to the weeks preceding his passing after a courageous battle with cancer.

Oshkosh and EAA was so special to him."

The scholarship will be given to one student that resides in any of the tri-states. All applications will be accepted online via EAA's website. The Beresford family will not actively participate in the selection of the each