

January 10, 2024

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Here we are in the new year, so I'd like to give you an update on Doug's health. The roller coaster ride that we've been on for the past three months has finally smoothed out. Unfortunately, it is because we are at the end of the ride.

The oncologists agree that the chemo drug that we all had so much hope for is no longer effective. Doug is in the hospital now for another infection, so his strength is zapped and the disease has proven to be a formidable foe.

The best news is that he is experiencing no pain, is happy, and believes that his valiant effort was worth a try. He realizes that he's already won by gaining bonus time.

He is now enjoying Comfort Care, so he will not have to endure any more needles, tests, or fighting this uphill battle. He is now free to just enjoy his time.

We knew that it was a longshot to see if this new drug worked, and it did at first. However, it, too, lost its own battle against the cancer.

Doug will be moving in the next day or two to Franciscan Hospice House. The girls and I toured there a few days ago and it seems to be a warm and caring place that will provide him with the best possible care for the remainder of his time.

Visits are unfortunately not feasible, but we will read email or text messages to Doug when possible.

For those of you who've been on Team Doug (& family), thank you. You, too, have made the ride worthwhile, just by knowing that you are there and that you care. If prayers and good wishes were tickets, we would be in line again to take another ride.

Thank you for being there for us.

Jean

Jean's Caring Bridge message:

January 14, 2024

Journal Entry by Jean Munday — 1 hour ago

Doug took his last solo flight on Saturday. After an uneventful morning watching the Meacum Auto Auction for a bit, he passed away quickly in the afternoon.

With his usual efficiency and waste-no-time nature, he carried out his last mission in typical Doug mode. I imagine that he'd already mentally reviewed the checklists he might need for his final solo flight into the wild blue yonder...

It was a beautiful departure. He's now free to fly without boundaries to explore the starry skies he loved to study and photograph.

I know that we can all be assured that he is already planning his next new adventure!

Jean

On Jan 14, 2024, at 10:45, Jad > wrote:

Cudamander Final Update

The Cudamander is now commanding the heavens. He was wheels up at 1550L 13Jan2024, accomplished max climb and is now soaring the skies in smooth air and quiet peace. In 78 plus years he left few interests, challenges and adventures untested and unexplored.

Fair Skies Cuda