



## Bernard Wohl

October 15, 1923 - May 5, 2012

Bernard Wohl

Lt. Colonel U.S.A.F. Retired

Born: 15 October 1923

Deceased: 05 May 2012

Retired pilot Bernard Wohl of Jupiter, passed away at home after a short battle from the effects of a long life. Bernie started his long career in aviation after enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1942. He was accepted into the Army Air Corps in 1943. In 1944 after earning his wings he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and served in the North African / Italian theater during WWII. Bernie served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and later the U.S. Air Force Reserve until his retirement from service in 1964 where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During Bernie's 22 year career in the military, he flew eleven different types of aircraft including: the P-17, P-39, C-47, B-25, B-29 and the B-50.

Bernie started at American Airlines in 1950 as a Flight Engineer. He was promoted to Captain in 1955 and designated Chief Pilot in 1960. He served, on numerous occasions, as Assistant Director of Flight Operations. During his 33 years at American Airlines he was instrumental in testing and implementing a number of innovative devices used in aviation. Captain Wohl flew American Airlines first 747 Jumbo Jet across the country and the first American Airlines jet equipped with Gyroscope Navigation across the Pacific. Bernie retired from

American Airlines in 1983. During his 33 years with American Airlines he flew eleven different types of aircraft including: the Convair 240, DC-10, Boeing 727, and the Boeing 747.

Bernie was born in Brooklyn, New York. He resided in a number of towns in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. He lived for a short time on St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands before settling in Jupiter, Florida. Bernie loved to play golf and was a member, for some time, of the Tequesta Country Club. He loved to dine out and could often be seen enjoying a meal at a number of local establishments in and around Jupiter.

Bernie is survived by three children: Shyer Wohl Maguire of Holliston, Massachusetts; Mark Wohl of Amber, Oklahoma; Erik Wohl of Jupiter, Florida. He was predeceased by two children; Jeffrey Wohl of Woodstock, Connecticut and Kurt Wohl of Newtown, Connecticut. He is survived by five Grandchildren; Heather Wohl, Mark Wohl, Brenden Wohl, Amy Galvin and Zeph Pitt. Survived by four Great Grandchildren; Sarah Galvin, Brenden Galvin, Daniel Pitt and Myrakel Pitt.

Per Bernie's request there will be no services. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 334078. For online condolences, please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).

Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home  
Family Owned & Operated  
(561) 744-2030, Jupiter, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Wohl*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I am Bernie's oldest child, and only daughter. He was a quiet, seemingly reserved man; and when my mother met him, she thought he was SHY, and that is how I got my name, Shyer. Although his career truly defined him and he was not home a lot. I have many vivid memories of him spending time with me. Letting my drive the car on his lap, dance with my feet on his shoes, drive the boat; even one occasion when I sat on his lap and held the wheel of the AA airliner taking us on vacation He was talented artistically, made little sketches all the time and painted fairy tale characters on my bedroom wall when I was a child. He traveled the world for work and pleasure, spoke fluent Spanish, and was always polite. He was an impeccable dresser. My mother told me you can judge the quality of a man by walking behind him; if the back of his neck is cleanly shaved and the heels of his shoes are not worn, then he's a keeper!*

**Shyer (Wohl) Maguire - Holliston, MA - Daughter - May 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

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“ I FLEW AS COPILOT FOR BERNIE MANY TIMES OUT OF KENNEDY IN THOSE GREAT YEARS WITH AAL. A QUIET, EXCELLENT PILOT WHO WAS ONE OF THOSE CAPTAINS WHO SET A PERFECT LEADERSHIP EXAMPLE FOR THOSE OF US WHO LATER WOULD BE IN THAT LEFT SEAT.

WE'RE LOSING SO MANY OF OUR BEST IN RECENT YEARS. WE'RE GRATEFUL TO SHARE MEMORIES OF BERNIE AND MEN LIKE HIM.

GOD BLESS HIM.

MARTY O'LEARY, (CAPT/RET'D '95).

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MARTIN O'LEARY - MILFORD, CT - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM