

HUGHES AIR WEST

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IN MEMORIAM

The June 6 air disaster was a tragic loss to all of us.

On behalf of all employees of Hughes Air West, I want to express my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the five crew members, to the family of Mrs. Garcia, wife of a Hughes Air West employe, and the other victims of this tragic accident.

Irving T. Tague
General Manager

CAPTAIN THEODORE NICOLAY
(Captain on Flight 706)

Capt. Nicolay, 50, was a Hughes Air West pilot for 24 years. He lived at 312 Overlake Dr. E., in Bellevue, Washington.

Born in Spokane, he graduated from Roosevelt High School in Seattle and later attended the University of Washington.

He served as a pilot in the Army Air Corp. in World War II and was discharged as a First Lieutenant in February, 1946.

After a few months as a newspaper reporter for the Selma Enterprise in California in 1946, he joined Western Airlines in Burbank as a co-pilot. Later that year, he became a pilot for West Coast Airlines and moved to Seattle. He was a Lieutenant Col. in the Air Force Reserve.

Capt. Nicolay is survived by his wife, Carol, a Hughes Air West hostess; son, Eric; daughter, Mrs. Valerie Thomas of Fresno; a brother, Stanley Nicolay of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and a sister, Mrs. Frances Hamack, of Seattle.



Capt. Theodore Nicolay



Capt. Price Bruner

CAPTAIN PRICE BRUNER
(First Officer on Flight 706)

Capt. Bruner, 49, worked for Hughes Air West for nearly 24 years, starting as a mechanic and the last 19 years as a pilot. He lived at 4446 137th Ave., S.E., in Bellevue, Washington.

Born in Chavies, Kentucky, he graduated from M & M High School and later attended Ohio Institute of Aeronautics. During World War II, he served in the Navy as an aviation mechanic.

After the war, he worked as a mechanic for Pan American and Northwest Airlines for a brief period in 1947 before joining West Coast Airlines in September of the same year in a similar position. Capt. Bruner learned to fly and became a pilot for West Coast in March, 1952.

He is survived by his wife, Etta Mae; a son, Robert; and a brother, Charles Bruner, of New Concord, Ohio.

JOAN RUTH PLUYLAAR
(First Hostess on Flight 706)

Miss Pluylaar, 34, was a Hughes Air West hostess for 12 years. She lived at 917 N. E. 63rd., Seattle.

Born in Seattle, Miss Pluylaar graduated from Roosevelt High School in Seattle, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington in 1958. She worked as a Girl Scout counselor in Vancouver and later, as a grade school teacher in Kirkland, Washington.

She joined West Coast Airlines in August, 1959. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Pluylaar, of Seattle.



Joan Ruth Pluylaar

HELENA KOSKIMIES
(Hostess on Flight 706)

Miss Koskimies, 30, was a Hughes Air West hostess for more than three and one half years. She lived at 1700 15th Ave., Seattle, Washington.

She was born in Vasa, Finland where she graduated from high school and also attended various specialized advanced schools.

Miss Koskimies worked as a nurse's aid in a London, England hospital before coming to the United States. Prior to joining West Coast Airlines in October, 1967, she worked as a part-time model in Seattle.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erkki Koskimies, of Vasa, Finland, a sister and two brothers.



Helena Koskimies

PATRICIA ANN SHELTON
(Hostess on Flight 706)

Miss Shelton, 28, was a Hughes Air West hostess for more than seven and one half years. She lived at 526 Lakeside S., in Seattle.

Born in Tacoma, Washington, she graduated from Naches Valley High School in Naches and Columbia Basin Junior College in Pasco, both in Washington.

She joined West Coast Airlines in October, 1963. Miss Shelton is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Shelton of Entiat, Washington.



Patricia Ann Shelton

DARLENE K. GARCIA

Mrs. Darlene K. Garcia, 24, a passenger on flight 706, was the wife of Hughes Air West employe John J. Garcia, 24, who has been a Los Angeles reservation agent since joining the airline in July 1967. They lived at 4739 W. 131st St., Hawthorne, Calif.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Shawn, 5, and Brett, 9 months; and her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Hathaway of Granger, Utah.

Burial will be in Salt Lake City.

