

CLEMENT "CLEM" DAHLKE

GRADUATED FROM EDGAR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1951

After graduating from Edgar High School in 1951, Clem's passion for aviation began when he was drafted in the Army and soon after transferred to the Air Force, where he learned his skills as an aircraft pilot and mechanic. He then was assigned to an Air Base in California's Mojave Desert as operations manager. After the military, he relocated to Milwaukee where he worked in several aviation capacities - as an aircraft mechanic and pilot for Midwest Airways, certified FAA aircraft inspector, serving as the team pilot for the Milwaukee Bucks in their early years, and as chief pilot for Kearney & Trecker Corporation until his retirement. While in Milwaukee he met and married his life-long spouse Patricia and they settled in Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

During this time, he actively served in the Milwaukee Civil Air Patrol for over 40 years, receiving the rank of Major. He served as their flight instructor and oversaw aircraft maintenance operations. Recently, he was duly recognized for his successes in aviation by receiving two Federal Aviation Administration awards - the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award in 2011 and the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award in 2013, specifically for maintaining and promoting aircraft safety and operations for over 50 years.

Clem's lifetime of flying spanned nearly 60 years. He was highly regarded for his skills as a pilot and in aircraft maintenance and operations. He was also respected for his dedication to teaching of the next generation of pilots. He was an advocate for young people and using his own career successes as an opportunity to serve others. Outside of aviation, Clem found more ways to serve - as an active member in the Oak Creek Lions Club. He volunteered many hours organizing their blood drives, auto shows, and the Lions annual Labor Day Festival. He always looked for ways to help others and support his children and grandchildren in all of their endeavors. Clem also loved his country, and he served it proudly.

Clem is survived by his beloved family and friends.