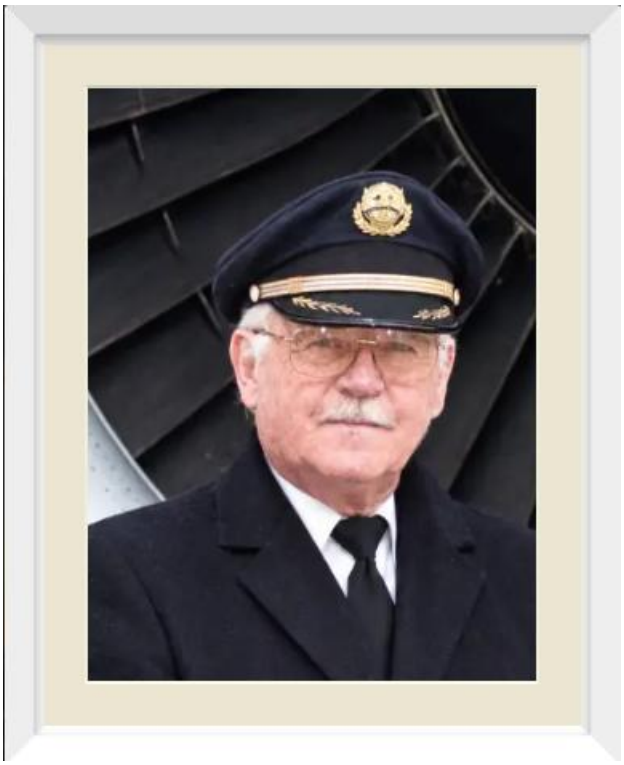
LOUIS A. BURNS FEBRUARY 5, 1943- OCTOBER 30, 2026



Louis A. Burns, 83, of Newport, Rhode Island, “Flew West” on October 30, 2026.

Born on February 5, 1943, he was the son of **Louis E. Burns, M.D**., and **Marie (Waters) Burns**. Raised in Newport, **Lou attended Miss Collings’ School and graduated from Rogers High School in 1961.**

He attended the **University of Miami** and **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University** and joined **TWA as a first officer in February 1964.** He **flew the Lockheed Constellation as a first officer and, as captain, flew the Boeing 727, 767, 747 and 757, mostly on TWA’s international routes**. He was active in the **ALPA safety program**, serving as an accident investigator and **safety chairman for the JFK International pilots.** He was also a member of the **accident investigation committee for the TWA Flight 800 crash in July 1996**. He **retired from American Airlines, TWA’s successor**, in February 2003.

Lou was an avid reader and enjoyed sailing and fishing, especially saltwater fly fishing. He was a member and **past commodore of Ida Lewis Yacht Club** and a **member of Newport Yacht Club, Redwood Library, US Sailing, the Federation of Fly Fishers** and several local fishing clubs.

He is survived by his **wife, Sheila**; his **daughter, Courtney Ashcraft** of Bailey, Mississippi; his **granddaughters, Morgan Ashcraft Warren** and **Ainsley Ashcraft**; and his **great-grandson, Ridge Warren.**

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family requests that no flowers be sent. Donations in his memory may be made to the Newport Yacht Club Endowment Fund, PO Box 944, Newport, RI 02840.