

# Editorial: Passengers memorialized

## Remembering Flight 261

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Today, on the eighth anniversary of the crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261, our thoughts and prayers again go out to the victims and to their families and friends.

It was at 4:22 p.m. Jan. 31, 2000, that Flight 261, heading to San Francisco and Seattle from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, plummeted into the choppy waters of the Pacific Ocean near Anacapa Island.

In all, 83 passengers and five crew members perished.

A ceremony will take place today, beginning at 3:45 p.m., at the Hueneme Beach Flight 261 memorial in Port Hueneme.

We join with those who have traveled here this week to pay homage to the 88 passengers and crew members listed below.

The crew:

Capt. Ted Thompson, 53, of Redlands.

First Officer William Tansky, 57, of Alameda.

Flight attendant Allison Shanks, 33, of Seattle.

Flight attendant Craig Pulanco, 30, of Seattle.

Flight attendant Kristin Mills, 26, of Seattle.

Alaska and Horizon Air employees onboard:

Sherry Christiansen, 25, of Seattle.

Rachel Janosik, 20, of Enumclaw, Wash.

Stacy Schuyler, 20, of Milton, Wash.

Sarah Pearson, 36, Rodney Pearson, 45, and their daughters, Rachel, 6, and Grace, 22 months, all of Seattle.

Ileana Ost, 30, Bob Ost, 39, and daughter, Emily, 4 months, all of San Bruno.

Anjesh Prasad, 19, cousins, Avinash Prasad, 19, and Avinesh "Amit" Deo, 23, all of Seattle.

James J. Ryan, 30, parents, Terry Ryan, 55, and Barbara Ryan, 54, and brother, Pat Ryan, 33, all of Redmond, Wash.

The passengers:

Larry Baldrige Jr. 34, of San Francisco.

Renato Bermudez, 39, of San Francisco.

Michael Bernard, 30, of Seattle.

Malcolm Branson, 39, of Seward, Alaska.

William Bryant, 45, of San Francisco.

Ryan Busche, 28, of Seattle.

Abigail Busche, 25, of Seattle.

Gabriella Chavez, 33, of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Toni Choate, 46, of San Francisco.

Jacquelyn Choate, 17, of San Francisco.

David Clemetson, 40, Carolyn Clemetson, 31, and their children, Coriander, 8, Blake, 7, Miles, 6, and Spencer, 6 months, all of Seattle.

John Cuthbertson, 70, of Danville.

Monte Donaldson, 31, of Seattle.

Dean Forshee, 47, of Benicia.

Jerri Fosmire, 48, Eugene, Ore.

Allen Friedmann, 47, of Round Lake Beach, Ill.

Robert Gandesbery, 69, and Jean Gandesbery, 69, both of Davis.

Meghann Hall, 19, of Enumclaw, Wash.

Aloysius Han, 65, of Oakland.

Glenn Hatleberg, 65, and Barbara Hatleberg, 64, both of Eugene, Ore.

Robert Hovey, 50, of Emeryville.

Russell Ing, 28, of Seattle.

Karl Karlsson, 51, and Carol Karlsson, 42, both of Petaluma.

Joseph Knight, 54, and Linda Knight, 51, both of Monroe, Wash.

William Knudson, 53, of Sacramento.

Naomi Laigo, 53, and Rodrigo Laigo, 53, both of Fairfield.

Ronald Lake, 59, and Joyce Lake, 62, both of Corte Madera.

Bradley Long, 39, of Sacramento.

James Luque, 41, of San Francisco.

Juan Marquez, 53, of San Francisco.

Cynthia Oti, 43, of Oakland.

Deborah Penna, 27, of Seattle.

Jean Permison, 73, of Scotts Valley.

Stanford Poll, 59, of Mercer Island, Wash.

Paul "Clark" Pulanco, 40, of Seattle.

Charles Russell, 70, of Scotts Valley.

Ellen Salyer, 51, of Sebastopol.

Donald Shaw, 63, of Olympia, Wash.

Charlene Sipe, 53, of Brier, Wash.

Joan Smith, 53, of Belmont.

Ryan Sparks, 20, of Enumclaw, Wash.

Harry Stasinios, 54, of Seattle.

Thomas Stockley, 63, and Margaret Stockley, 62, both of Seattle.

Janice Stokes, 48, of Ketchikan, Alaska.

Morris Thompson, 60, and Thelma Thompson, 56, both of Fairbanks, Alaska, and daughter, Sheryl, 33, of Valdez, Alaska.

Robert Thorgrimson, 63, and Lorna Thorgrimson, 52, both of Lofall, Wash.

Nina Voronoff, 32, of San Francisco.

Colleen Whorley, 34, of Seattle.

Steve Wilkie, 38, of San Francisco.

Bob Williams, 65, and Patty Williams, 63, of Poulsbo, Wash.

May all those gathering today to remember the lives of their loved ones and friends, who were on Flight 261, find a measure of comfort at our shore.

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