

## **THE 2025 CARMEN** JOHN LOMANDO

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



## **SCHOLARSHIP** REQUIREMENTS





MUST COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AT PPOTSCHOLARSHIP.ORG

MUST BE A STUDENT, PRIVATE, OR COMMERCIAL PILOT

(SORRY, NO CFI OR ATP)

WINDOW CLOSES FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2025



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Born to Ralph and "Connie" Concetta in 1946, Carmen John Lomando, known by his friends as "Carl," always looked up towards the sky, searching for the nearest plane overhead. After spending his youth growing up in Elmont, New York, directly under the approach path of what would become John F. Kennedy International Airport, his passion for aviation only continued to grow throughout the 1960's -- the birth of the Jet Age.

Carl would often frequent the famous Saarinen Trans World Airlines Flight center, just to listen to the magnificent "Connie," Constellations start up their engines, and soar into the sky — something that always made him think of his mother who shared the same nickname.

After his tour in the Navy, Carl worked passionately as a restauranteur, eventually opening up the Cherrywood Cafe in Wantagh, New York, which quickly became a magnet for the friendly community in the neighborhood.

His exuberant personality and charming smile always helped him make friends quickly, and his desire to treat everyone he met with respect was contagious. While Carl always wanted to fly professionally, life continued to get in the way. His hands were never idle from helping his family, neighbors, and friends.

This scholarship is created in his honor, to memorialize his support of the next generation of aviators in perpetuity. The winners of this scholarship will be a direct reflection of the years of work Carl has done to strengthen and support both his local community, and the aviation industry as a whole.