



Lavon O Bohling

Mission Aviation

Lavon grew up on a family farm near Byron, Nebraska which is on the Kansas/Nebraska border north of here. He graduated from Byron High School in 1958. For several years, he farmed with his Dad and then went to college at the University of Nebraska. In 1962, Lavon married the love of his life, Fern Hoops. After graduating from the University of Nebraska, he taught high school for seven years in Geneva, NE.

In 1968, he began his flying career and earned his Private, Commercial, and Flight Instructor certificates while teaching in Geneva. Flying became a significant part of his life for almost fifty years.

In 1972 the family moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee where he attended Graduate School at Middle Tennessee State University, (MTSU), majoring in Aerospace Education. After graduating, Lavon worked for Cessna Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas in their Aerospace Education program, where he acquired several more flight ratings.

In 1976 Lavon took a position with Reinke Manufacturing in Nebraska where he worked in marketing and as their company pilot. In 2001 he and his wife Fern moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota where he helped build a flight ministry in southwest Alaska with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, (AFLC). After ten years they retired and moved to Inman, KS. Lavon sums up his life with this testimony; "God has been so good to us over the years. This month, Fern and I will celebrate sixty-four years of marriage. We have been blessed with three wonderful children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren."