

Emended section from

**1956 : a resource guide to the Grand Canyon midair collision of  
Trans World Airlines Flight 2 and United Air Lines Flight 718, June 30, 1956**

(emended June 29, 2023)

**GRAND CANYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

<http://grandcanyonhistory.org/oral-history.html>

Several oral history interviews have been conducted with family members of some of the victims of the midair collision, and one person who was employed at Grand Canyon at the time. Recordings and/or transcripts of the interviews are provided. These entries have been copied directly from the GCHS website (accessed June 20, 2023). The the links to transcripts and .mp3 digital audio files are active in this PDF. If the links are not functional, or if a printout of this PDF is in hand, go to the GCHS website.

**Ray and Christa Cook**

Ray and Christa Cook recall Ray's father David Cook who perished in the 1956 TWA–United air disaster.

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**Ervin and Raymond Cook**

Ervin Cook, brother of David Cook, and Ervin's nephew Raymond Cook, recall David Cook who perished in the 1956 TWA–United air disaster.

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### **Steve and Dave Evans**

Steve and Dave Evans recall their mother Almeda Evans who perished in the 1956 TWA–United air disaster.

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### **John Hasha**

On July 1, 2022, one day after the 66th Memorial of the 1956 United–TWA midair collision over Grand Canyon, John was interviewed by Grand Canyon National Park archivist Kim Besom. John is the nephew of the United Airlines Flight Engineer Geraldo Fiore. John kindly allows the GCHS to post this Museum Collection interview here.

July 1, 2022. Not Transcribed Yet.



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### **Etta, Dana and Deeana Jang**

Etta and her children Dana and Deeana Jang, recall Etta's husband James Jang, who perished in the 1956 TWA–United air disaster.

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### **Lisa Kaichen**

Lisa recalls her father, Noel Gottesman, who perished in the 1956 TWA–United air disaster.

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### **Anne Klein**

Anne's first cousin Immacolata Sceia ("Mac" for short) married Tom Sulpizio. When Tom perished in the 1956 TWA-United air disaster, Anne was 14 years old and a close friend of Mac's. Anne recounts her recollections of that terrible time.

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### **Janice McElroy**

Janice recounts the loss of her mother and father, Mildred R. Crick Hatcher and William W. Hatcher, who perished in the 1956 TWA-United air disaster.

At Janice's request and direction, this [Transcript](#) has been edited and there is no recording. We greatly appreciate Janice taking the time to do this.

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### **Cathy Natall and Lea Garcia**

Cathy and Lea, daughters of Ray Lasby, recall their father who died in the 1956 TWA-United air disaster.

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### **Paul and Barbara Schnur**

In Part 1, Paul recounts working as a Bellhop at the Bright Angel Lodge on June 30, 1956, during the TWA–United Air Disaster. In Part 2, Paul recounts family stories that brought him to the Canyon in 1946 and his recollections of the South Rim and the people there from 1946 to 1956.

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Paul Schnur, February 23, 2019 Part 2

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### **Tom Sulpizio**

Tom Sulpizio recounts the loss of his father, Thomas J. Sulpizio, an Electronics Engineer working for Rheem and traveling on United Flight 718 with Ray Lasby, another Electronics Engineer. Tom recounts how the loss of his father impacted him, his mother, and other family members.

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