



## The Takeoff- January 2021

I want to celebrate my grandson Zachary and thank him for being in my world and share a few special memories of him. When Zachary was 9 years old, he decided that he would become a musician. He invited myself and his grandma Mary Ann to a musical recital at his school. The cello was almost as big as him. I do not believe that school musicians ever get invited to Carnegie Hall but he was so proud of himself just the same. Many years later Zachary joined the Navy to see the world. The last time I got to visit with him he told me about his plans to finish his Navy career and get his pilot's license. When he got ready to leave, he gave me a big kiss and hug and said, "grandma don't you worry I love you." "I promise when I get my pilots license, I will stop by your house and take you on a flight." As you know he always kept his promises, and he did get his pilot's license. I am so proud of all the things he achieved and accomplished in his short time with us. He always held his head high, worked hard and achieved his dreams. I never got the chance to tell Zachary goodbye but I know one day he will take me on a special flight beyond the stars.

Grandma Carolyn

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