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Ed Lagel, of rural Hinton, Iowa, is photographed with his plaque, the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, at the Journal during an interview in Sioux City, Iowa on Monday.

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HINTON, Iowa | As a 5-year-old, Ed Yagel would sometimes see airplanes fly past his family's farm in Brookfield, Mo.

"I guess kids are naturally intrigued by cars and trains and stuff," he remembered. "For me, it was always planes."

Little did Yagel know that he would eventually become a pilot himself, amassing nearly 13,000 hours of flying time. Many of those hours were logged during a 27-year career during which he served as corporate chief pilot and aviation department manager for Wells Enterprises, Inc. of Le Mars, Iowa.

"There's nothing like flying a plane," the now 72-year-old rural Hinton, Iowa, resident said. "I loved every minute of it."

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Among the most celebrated Master Pilot Award recipients are former astronaut John Glenn and retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Charles "Chuck" Yeager, the first pilot to officially travel faster than sound.

Yagel is the 38th Iowa pilot and the fifth Siouxland-based pilot to have his name added to the FAA's Pilots' Wall of Honor in Oklahoma City, Okla.

In addition, Yagel received a certificate and lapel pin for a flying career that began when he was still a psychology and English student at Le Mars' Westmar College in 1962.

"The first flight lesson I had was from a girl (Marilyn Turner) I knew," he remembered. "I was never scared because flying seemed so natural to me."

Along with nine other Westmar friends, Yagel eventually purchased his own plane: a used Piper PA-15 Vagabond two-seater that dated back to World War II.

"Everybody put in \$100 to buy the plane but my parents refused to lend me the money," he recalled. "So, I ended up hocking all of my stereo equipment for 100 bucks."

Once Yagel received his pilot's license, he flew the Piper Vagabond to his family's farm, giving his dad a ride in the plane.

"Dad insisted he didn't send me to college in order to buy a plane," he remembered with a chuckle, "but eventually he came around, saying I spent my money wisely."

Not only that, Yagel eventually met and married his wife Linda, herself a former student solo pilot.

"Linda liked flying but she liked being a wife and mom to our two kids better," he said of his spouse of more than 48 years. "Still, Linda knew piloting was something I couldn't give up. It was something I was meant to do."

In addition to holding an airline transport pilot's license, Yagel is also a certified single-engine and multi-engine flight and instrument instructor as well as an FAA-appointed aviation accident prevention counselor for the State of Iowa.

Yet Yagel said he had the most fun piloting corporate jets for Wells.

"We could be in Le Mars in the morning and in Winnipeg, Canada by nightfall," he said. "Every day

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was unpredictable."

Since his retirement, Yagel said he "enjoys playing with his large motorcycles and four small grandchildren."

"Of course, not necessarily in that order," he added with a smile.

Still, nothing can beat the exhilaration Yagel feels when he's in flight.

"When piloting a plane, you can go anywhere you want," he said. "Nothing can be more exciting than that."

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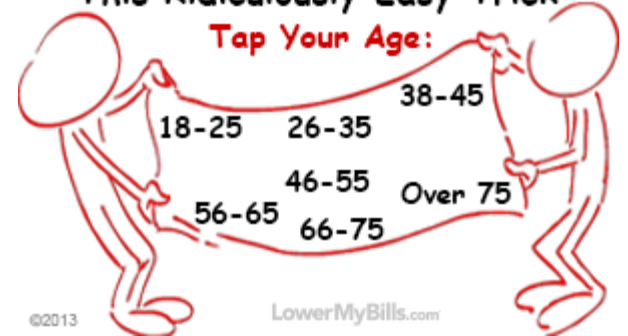
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