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Veteran U.S. Airman to be honored with memorial spaceflight

International "Scattering CJ" memorial continues with out of this world tribute

September 22, 2014 – [Celestis, Inc.](#), the pioneer and global leader in Memorial Spaceflight Services, today announced the Conestoga Flight, scheduled for launch October 20, 2014, from New Mexico's Spaceport America. Among those honored on board will be [CJ Twomey](#), the former US Airman whose sudden and unexpected passing in 2010 inspired an international effort to send him places he was unable to visit in life.

Since the "[Scattering CJ](#)" effort began, people from around the world have spread his ashes in over 400 locations ranging from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. CJ and others on board the October flight, Celestis' thirteenth memorial launch, will briefly experience the weightlessness of space before returning safely to Earth. Each flown capsule, with the cremated remains still sealed inside, will be presented to family and other loved ones as a permanent keepsake.

"I never in a million years expected the outpouring of support that we have received," said CJ's mother Hallie Twomey. "Strangers are helping give my beloved son one last gift with nothing expected in return. How do we ever thank them enough?"

"With Celestis, the dream of spaceflight and desire to be a part of the next era of human exploration is available for everyone," said Celestis CEO Charles Chafer. "The experience of viewing a launch from Spaceport America will be an unforgettable memory for the friends and family of CJ and all memorial spaceflight participants."

The Conestoga mission is part of a growing trend in citizen spaceflight and is the sixth collaboration between Celestis and [UP Aerospace](#), which will launch the SpaceLoft XL rocket carrying the Celestis cremation memorials. This is UP Aerospace's thirteenth launch from Spaceport America and the ninth of its SpaceLoft XL vehicle.

"UP Aerospace is very proud to again partner with Celestis to introduce the global public to the world of space travel," said UP Aerospace President Jerry Larson. "Our ongoing relationships with both Celestis and Spaceport America are essential elements in a growing commercial space industry."

The October Conestoga memorial launch is now open to the global public and will accept participants through September 25. Named in honor of the world's first private rocket launch, 1982's Conestoga 1 conducted by Celestis heritage company Space Services Inc. of America,

the Conestoga Flight represents the spirit of pioneering entrepreneurship that leads humanity into space.

About Celestis: [Celestis, Inc.](#) is a subsidiary of [Space Services Holdings, Inc.](#) (SSHI), the Houston-based commercial space pioneer whose heritage dates to the world's first privately funded rocket launch, 1982's Conestoga 1. The founders of SSHI and Celestis also pioneered cremation memorial spaceflights in 1997 with the launch of *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry and 60's pop icon Timothy Leary, among others. Working with NASA, they placed Dr. Eugene Shoemaker's cremated remains on the lunar surface, making Dr. Shoemaker the first person to be symbolically buried on the Moon.

The Conestoga Flight honoring CJ Twomey is scheduled for launch from New Mexico's Spaceport America on October 20, 2014. Celestis' [Earth Rise](#) service launches a symbolic portion of remains into space and returns to Earth, creating a flown keepsake for family members and other loved ones.

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