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- John Foy, machine repair mechanic; service date May 17, 1978; died Dec. 25
- **Broderick Gibson**, aviation maintenance technician and field inspector; service date Jan. 18, 1996; died Jan. 1
- **Josephine Gilley,** design and analysis engineer; service date March 25, 2002; died Nov. 29
- Steven Hanger, graphic designer; service date Aug. 3, 1989; died Dec. 18 Donald Henry, crane operator; service date March 30, 1989; died Dec. 7

Jose Honrado, aircraft test technician; service date May 2, 1989; died Nov. 26

- John Irvine, information technology engineer; service date Jan. 12, 1975; died Dec. 4
- Robert Johnson, aircraft assembly technician; service date Feb. 23, 1980; died Dec. 19

Sung-Soon Kim, systems engineer; service date Feb. 20, 1989; died Jan. 1 Patricia Knape, accountant; service date May 18, 1995; died Dec. 21

Felicia Martin-Parham, supplier diversity specialist; service date Aug. 31, 2001; died Dec. 7

Zanetta Montgomery, technical publications delivery specialist; service date Nov. 6, 2002; died Dec. 20

Mohammad Nowelati, design and analysis engineer; service date Aug. 19, 1981; died Dec. 8

Pamela Noyes-Boles, manufacturing planner; service date Nov. 19, 2006; died Dec. 30

- Wan-shin O'Young, programmer analyst; service date Sept. 14, 1978; died Dec. 21
- John Portlock, software engineer; service date April 9, 2004; died Dec. 25

Ron Rhoades, general machinist; service date April 16, 1979; died Dec. 30

Phillip Salyers, instrumentation technician; service date Feb. 11, 1980; died Dec. 22

Samuel Shields, systems engineer; service date Sept. 4, 1962; died Dec. 15

- Ronald Terry, government property management specialist; service date Nov. 13, 1987; died Dec. 18
- Roy Thorson, estimating and pricing specialist; service date April 6, 1987; died Dec. 10

# **AROUND BOEING**

The Boeing 777 Freighter, shown above in a July 2008 photo, successfully completed flight testing in last month. TIM STAKE/BOEING

## 747, 777 AND 767 SWEEP TOP SPOTS IN MAGAZINE'S 'BEST AIRCRAFT' POLL

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Boeing widebodies swept the top three spots in *Global Traveler* magazine's fifth-annual GT Tested Awards survey. The Boeing 747 captured the "Best Aircraft Type" for the second consecutive year. The 777 and 767 placed second and third, respectively. In addition to the 747, 777 and 767, the 737 ranked sixth and the 757 ranked ninth. No other airplane manufacturer had as many airplanes in the rankings. More than 30,000 *Global Traveler* readers participated in the survey of the best in business and luxury travel.

### 777 FREIGHTER COMPLETES FLIGHT TEST; FIRST DELIVERY NEARS

The Boeing 777 Freighter successfully completed flight testing in January, after more than 600 hours of ground testing and 300 hours of flight testing. Launch customer Air France is scheduled to take delivery of the first 777 Freighter this quarter. The 777 Freighter, launched in May 2005, is capable of flying 4,880 nautical miles (9,038 kilometers) with a full payload at general cargo market densities, making it the world's longest-range twin-engine freighter. The 777 Freighter currently has 73 firm orders from 12 customers.

### PASSENGER EXPERIENCE RESEARCH CENTER WINS TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Commercial Airplanes team that helped inspire innovations in the 787 Dreamliner recently won the 2008 Frost & Sullivan Technology Leadership Award in commercial aircraft design.

The center, which opened in 2002 in Mukilteo, Wash., was built to study passenger reactions to various airplane interior ideas. Results from extensive surveys in the center led to the innovative design features in the 787 such as a sky-like ceiling treatment, bigger windows and larger overhead bins.

"This kind of research allows Boeing to find out what passengers prefer, rather than designing interiors according to what they believe passengers might want," competition judges wrote.

Lester Staton, assembly and installation inspector; service date Aug. 25, 1987; died Dec. 16

**John Wilsey,** product life cycle engineering manager; service date May 9, 1986; died Dec. 3