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To those who took part in the search for Allan Melendy and Beth Hayden,

Words cannot begin to describe the depth of our gratitude to each and every one of you for the incredible search you conducted for our loved ones. Your selfless dedication and the sacrifice of your time, energy and resources are deeply appreciated.

We now know that unfortunately, a rescue was not possible. But thanks to your unwavering efforts, we are each able to have closure and to give Allan and Beth a final resting place on Monarch Pass in Colorado. The pass at 13,312 feet sits on the continental divide surrounded by magnificent mountains. It is a spot near their home, where birds and gliders can find a good thermal on which to enjoy the sunshine and the view of the mountains.

We never knew that there are volunteers and government organizations who come together to conduct such intense and thorough searches for the average citizen. We are amazed and thankful to live in a country where each individual really matters.

Flying was Allan's passion since he was a teenager, when he was the youngest-ever licensed member of the Rochester Soaring Club. His time in the U.S. Air Force enhanced the love of flying. He flew across the country and back in his Grumman Tiger. His final plane gave him the ability to fly free.

Allan and Beth would be honored by all that you have done. We will be forever grateful for the care and expertise you demonstrated throughout the search mission.

Please accept our donation. We hope it will help you continue to help those who are lost. You serve a noble purpose.

Sincerely,

Jean Sikora (Allan's sister), Taine Vinci, David & Barbara Resch & Trina Hendri  
(Allan's nieces and nephew)





