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MIRACLE LANDING - ENGINE FAILURE

PILOT SAVES HIMSELF AND NEPHEW

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USPA NEWS - Pilot Mike Bremner and his 16-year-old nephew Griffin were on a routine flight from John Wayne Airport to Van Nuys when their Piper Cherokee experienced a loss of engine power, just five minutes after takeoff.

At approximately 1,000 feet above ground level, the aircraft experienced engine difficulties. “Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. We have lost engine power,” Bremner communicated to air traffic control, declaring his intention to execute an emergency landing on Huntington Beach.

Bremner tried to restart the engine, but when it became clear it wasn’t coming back, he spotted the beach and committed to the emergency landing.

"As I accepted the challenge ahead, I shifted my focus to the right, where the beach beckoned, the winds were gentle, and we skillfully guided the aircraft to a safe and successful landing. I think we’re extremely fortunate,” Bremner said.

Griffin, 16, procured a rock from beneath the plane's wheel, serving as a souvenir from an indelible journey. The pilot's exemplary display of calmness and expertise under duress resulted in a safe and successful emergency landing.

This potentially life-threatening situation highlights the profound impact of swift decision-making and expert response, as exemplified by the pilot's calm and effective actions, which transformed a dire outcome into a testament to human ingenuity and skill.

Fortunately, Mike, Griffin, and everyone on the crowded beach emerged unscathed. It should be noted that this marked Griffin's inaugural flight with his uncle, a truly auspicious beginning.

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