

99 Charter Biography File

Maiden Name: Mildred Elizabeth "Betty" Huyler

Married Name(s): Gillies

Date of birth: January 7, 1908

Birthplace: New York City, New York

Date of death: October 14, 1998

Death place: cremated

Occupation(s): pilot,

License(s): 6525; 1929

Known stats:

1. 99s international president 1939-1941
2. WAFS/WASP 1942-1944
3. Chair of AWTAR 1953-1961
4. Appointed by President Lyndon Johnson in the first Federal Aviation Administration Women's Advisory Committee.
5. Led the fight against Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) over the prohibition for women to fly during pregnancy.

Publications:

1. Gillies, Betty and Helen Roach. "Flying the Outback." *Ninety-Nine News*. October 1975
2. Knight, Charlotte. "Our Women Pilots." *Air Force*. Sept. 1943
3. Gillies, Betty H. "This is the Powder Puff Derby." *Town & Country*. Nov. 1962.
4. Jessen, Gene Nora. "Women with Wings: meet Betty Gillies." *The Western Flyer*. May 1974. Page 18.
5. Carter, Rowland. "The Ladies Join the Air Forces." *Flying*. Dec. 1942
6. Sherry, Don. "Women with Wings." *Oklahoma City Living*. Jan/Feb. 1987.
7. Joseph, Gregory N. "They're made of the 'right stuff'." *The Tribune*. Aug. 11, 1983.
8. "She parks planes at her front door." *Evening Tribune*. Feb. 26, 1958.
9. "Society aviatrix fights CAA's ruling against expectant mothers at controls." Unknown publisher/date.
10. Larson, George C. "Reflections: The Ninety-Nines." *Business and Commercial Aviation*. Jan. 1975.
11. Steiger, Lucretia. "WASP recall when they were flying high." *The San Diego Union*. May 17, 1984.
12. Peach, Betty. "Petite pilot readies for race." *San Diego Evening Tribune*. Feb. 26, 1958.
13. Parman, Mickey. "Fliers arriving for celebration." *Atchison Daily Globe*. May 20, 1982.
14. Parman, Mickey. "Fliers applaud Earhart's Life." *Atchison Globe*. May 21, 1982.
15. Fraser, John. "Women: the battle for the skies." *The Sun*. July 24, 1982.
16. Rex, Margery. "18 Girl Fliers Set for Race Tomorrow." Unknown publisher. 1933.

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17. Kernodle, Margaret. "Hands that rock cradle wield WAF control stick." Unknown publisher/date.
18. McDonagh, Richard. "Wings over America: Episode #8." National Broadcasting Company. Aug. 11, 1940.
19. Gillies, Betty H. "The WAFS: Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron." Speech presented at The Ninety-Nines International Convention Banquet in Baltimore, Maryland. July 27, 1985.

Award(s):

1. Paul Tissandier Diploma from the Federation Aeronautique Internationale in 1977
2. National Aeronautic Association Elder Statesman of Aviation Award in 1982

Miscellaneous information:

1. Married Brewster Allison "Bud" Gillies (1905-1990) in 1930; had three kids, one died at age of four to leukemia.

File contents:

1. Two 8 x 10 black and white photos of Betty posing with propeller (both same image)
2. One 8 x 10 black and white photo of Betty smiling while seated in cockpit
3. One 8 x 10 black and white photo of Betty wearing helmet/goggles.
4. One 8 x 10 black and white photo of Betty posing for self-portrait
5. One 8 x 10 black and white photo of Betty walking onto an airfield near aircraft
6. Betty Huyler Gillies' personal aviation history timeline
7. 99 membership applications
8. Copies of Betty's flight logbook
9. Betty's speech "The WAFS"
10. Abovementioned publications