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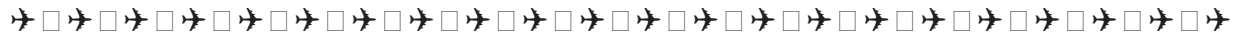


*With deep sorrow, the Connecticut Chapter
Announces the passing of two beloved members.*

Maryellyn Page (left) and Evelyn Kropp (right) passed away recently. They were both Life Members of The Ninety-Nines. Their love of flying,

the 99s, and life was infectious.

We lost two good friends and amazing women!



**Evelyn Kropp
February 9, 2024**

Evelyn Kropp (92) of Norwich, Connecticut was a CT Chapter and Life Member of the 99s.

She learned to fly in 1967, IFR in 1968, commercial and multi in 1969, then CFI and CFII. Evelyn owned a Piper Arrow for 54 years (nicknamed "Romeo"). She was very active in the New England Section 99s as well as her Chapter. She served as governor, and many Chapter officer positions. Her experience was a wealth of information, and she enjoyed encouraging and mentoring all of us who knew her. She participated in the annual International 99s Conferences and never missed a Section meeting. Her commitment and dedication to the 99s family was inspirational.

Evelyn was an avid air racer. She started racing in the Powder Puff Derby races and continued when the name changed to Air Race Classic. In 1976, she flew two races. In the first race, the Angel Derby, she flew solo from Quebec, Canada to Fort Lauderdale, FL and then she flew the Powder Puff Derby from Sacramento, CA to Wilmington, Delaware with a copilot.

Evelyn served as an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor for over 30 years, and the Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award was presented to Evelyn for 50 years of safe flying in 2017.

We will all miss her kind and gentle manner and her adventurous spirit.

Evelyn's service will be next Wednesday. Her two sons have invited us all to gather at her house following the church service – they know how important her 99s family was to Evelyn.

**Wednesday, February 21st @10:00AM
St. Patrick Cathedral, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360**

Mass will be followed by a graveside burial, and a reception at Evelyn's home: 4 Dellwood Road, Norwich CT.

If you plan to attend the reception, please reach out to Rebecca Green at magrag33@gmail.com so she can collect a headcount for the family. Also, bring any photos you may have of Evelyn to pin up on the board that will be on display.

View Evelyn's obituary

here: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/norwich-ct/evelyn-kropp-11663135>



Both Maryellyn and Evelyn's families have requested donations to the CT Chapter Ninety-Nines Scholarship Fund in lieu of flowers.



**Maryellyn Page
February 5, 2024**

Maryellyn Page (93) of Gilford, Connecticut was a CT Chapter and Life Member of the 99s.

She was an inspiration to all of us... With the encouragement of her 8 children and supportive husband George, Maryellyn learned to fly while in her mid-60s. She told us her motivation in part was to find an easier way to get to their summer home on Martha's Vineyard, located very near Katama Airport. She received her certificate and bought a Piper Cherokee Archer to realize her dream. Maryellyn went on to receive her Seaplane rating as well. She and George had many wonderful flying adventures. Many of us looked forward to their annual fly-in summer picnic on the Vineyard where we enjoyed homemade clam chowder, time with each other and time at the beach.

Maryellyn loved the 99s and their mission. She participated in many 99s projects and activities: coordinated airmarkings; poker runs; Section meetings; and attended International Conferences. She served as Chapter Chair as well as Scholarship Committee Chair for many years.

View her obituary here:

www.guilfordfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Maryellyn-Welch-Page?obId=30663304#/obituaryInfo



Editor's Note: Many thanks to Glenna Blackwell for creating this issue of Squawk. We offer condolences to all the Ninety-Nines who knew and loved Evelyn and Maryellen.

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