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JANE DOLORES CHAMPLIN

Class 43-W-4 Trainee

Born: May 14, 1917

Chicago, Illinois

Graduate: Arcadia College [St. Louis University](#)

Jane entered flight training to become a WASP at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on February 21, 1943.

On the night of June 7, she and her instructor were killed in a BT-15 while on a training flight near Avenger Field.

SUSAN PARKER CLARKE

Class 44-W-2

Born: 1918

Cooperstown, New York

Graduate: High school, Cooperstown

Attended: Secretarial School, NY City

Susan entered WASP flight training at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas in September, 1943 and graduated on March 11, 1944.

She was then stationed with the 33rd Ferrying Group at [Fairfax Field](#), Kansas City, Missouri.

She lost her life on July 4, 1944 when the BT-13 she was ferrying crashed near Columbia, South Carolina.



MARJORIE LAVERNE DAVIS

Class 44-W-9 Trainee

Marjorie learned to fly in Sparks, Nevada, and entered training to become a WASP at Avenger field, Sweetwater, Texas in June, 1944.

She was killed on the night of October 16, 1944 while on a cross country training flight in an AT-6 near Walnut, Mississippi.

KATHERINE 'KAY' APLEGATE DUSSAQ

Class: 44-W-1

Born: Dayton, Washington

Graduate: Harrington High School

Attended: Stanford, Washington State College, Pullman, WA.
and [Whitman College, WA](#)

Kay entered flight training to become a WASP at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on August 9, 1943, and graduated on February 11, 1944.

Her first duty station was Sioux Falls Army Air Base, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

She was then transferred to [Randolph Army Air Base](#), San Antonio, Texas (HQ/CFTC)), then to Fort Worth, Texas (FTC, HQ.)

She was killed when the AT-6 she was flying on an administrative cross-country flight crashed on the night of November 26, 1944 near New Carlisle, Ohio.

MARJORIE DORIS EDWARDS

Class: 44-W-6 Trainee

Born: September 28, 1918

Fullerton, California

Graduate: Anaheim Union High School and
[Santa Barbara State College](#)

Marjorie entered WASP flight training at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on December 7, 1943.

She died in the crash of an AT-6 near Childress, Texas, while on a cross-country training flight.

JAYNE ELIZABETH ERICKSON

Class: 44-W-6 Trainee

Born: April 24, 1921

Seattle, Washington

Graduate: High School

Issaquah, Washington

Attended: [University of Washington](#),
Seattle, WA.

Jayne reported for WASP flight training to Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas in January, 1944.

While flying an AT-6, she was killed in a mid-air collision in the traffic pattern at Avenger on April 16, 1944.

CORNELIA FORT

WAFS

Born: February 5, 1919
Nashville, Tennessee
Graduate: Ward-Belmont and
[Sarah Lawrence College](#)
Bronxville, NY.



Cornelia reported for duty as a WAFS in October, 1942.

She lost her life on March 21, 1943 in a mid-air collision near Abilene, Texas, while on a ferrying mission in a BT-13.

Cornelia was the first casualty of an American woman pilot on active duty. Her death was attributed to the 'pilot error' of a young male pilot flew too close to her plane...causing a mid-air collision and Cornelia's death.

FRANCES FORTUNE GRIMES

Class: 43-W-3

Born: Deer Park, Maryland
Graduate: High School
West Virginia
West Virginia University
[University of Pittsburgh](#)



Frances entered WASP flight training at Houston Municipal Airport, Houston, Texas on January 15, 1943 and graduated at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, July 3, 1943.

Her active duty assignment was to the 5th FG/ATC at Love Field, Dallas, Texas.

She was killed shortly after take-off from Otis Field, Massachusetts in an A-24 attack bomber on March 27, 1944.

MARY E. HARTSON

Class: 43-W-5

Born: January 11, 1917
Portland, Oregon
Graduated: Washington High School
Portland, Oregon



Mary entered flight training to become a WASP on April 6, 1943 at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas and was graduated on September 11, 1943.

She was progressively stationed at four different bases: Dodge City Army Air Base, Kansas; Coffeyville Army-Air Base, Kansas; Independence Army-Air Field, Kansas and Perrin Army-Air Base, Sherman, Texas.

She was killed on August 14, 1944, while flight testing a BT-13 at Perrin.

MARY HOLMES HOWSON

Class: 44-W-4 Trainee

Born: February 16, 1919

Wayne, Pennsylvania

Graduate: [Smith College](#)

Mary began her flight training to become a WASP on November 1, 1943 at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas.

While returning from a cross-country flight in a PT-19, Mary was killed in a mid-air collision in the traffic pattern at Avenger Field, on April 16, 1944-- just three weeks before her scheduled graduation.

EDITH 'EDY' CLAYTON KEENE

Class: 44-W-1

Born: Canton, Montana

Graduate: Pomona High Schools

[Pomona Junior College](#) and [UCLA](#)

California

On August 9, 1943, Edith arrived at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas to begin training to become a WASP, and graduated on February 11, 1944.

She was assigned to Hondo Army Air Field, Hondo, Texas and later transferred to Moore Army Air Base, Mission, Texas.

She was killed on April 25, 1944 while on a routine flight in an AT-6 that crashed near Mission.

KATHRYN BARBARA LAWRENCE

Class: 43-W-8 Trainee

Born: December 3, 1920

Grand Forks, North Dakota

Graduate: High school

Grand Forks

[University of North Dakota](#)

Kathryn entered training to become a WASP at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on July 10, 1943.

She was killed on August 4, 1943, while flying a PT-19 on a routine training flight at Avenger Field.

HAZEL YING LEE

Class: 43-W-4

Born: August, 1912
Portland, Oregon
Attended: Commerce High School
Portland, Oregon

Hazel entered WASP flight training on February 21, 1943 and graduated from Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on August 7, 1943.

She was assigned to the 3rdFerrying Group, Romulus, Michigan.

While flying a [P-63](#), she was killed in a mid-air collision on the final approach at Great Falls, Montana, November 23, 1944.



PAULA RUTH LOOP

Class: 43-W-2

Born: August 25, 1916
Wakita, Oklahoma
Graduate: Manchester H.S., OK
[Oklahoma College for Women](#)
Attended: [Oklahoma A&M](#)

Paula began her training to become a WASP on December 19, 1942 at Houston Municipal Airport, Houston, Texas and graduated at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on May 28, 1943.

She was then stationed at Romulus Army Air Base, Michigan, with the 3rd FG/ATC, as a ferry pilot. She was killed in the crash of a BT-13 near Medford, Oregon on July 7, 1944, while on a ferrying mission.

Embedded into Paula's granite tombstone--her precious silver wings with these words: *"Into the Mosaic of Victory, This Priceless Piece Was Set"*

ALICE E. LOVEJOY

Class: 43-W-5

Born: 1919
Graduated from High School April 6, 1943
Scarsdale, New York

Alice entered WASP flight training at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas. She graduated on September 11, 1943.

Her first assignment was to the 3rdFerrying Group, Romulus, Michigan, later being transferred for pursuit training to Brownsville, Texas.

During a training mission near Brownsville on September 13, 1944, she was killed in a mid-air collision in an AT-6.



PEGGY WILSON MARTIN

Class: 44-W-4

Born: February 8, 1912
Seattle, Washington.

Peggy entered flight training to become a WASP on November 1, 1943 at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, and graduated on May 23, 1944.

She was stationed at Marianna Army Air Base, Marianna, Florida.

She was killed while engineering test flying a BT-13 on October 3, 1944.

LEA OLA McDONALD

Class 44-W-3

Born: October 12, 1921
Hollywood, Arkansas
Graduate: High school
Plainview, Texas

Attended: [Wayland Baptist College](#)
[West Texas State Teachers College](#)

Lea entered WASP flight training at Houston Municipal Airport, Houston, Texas on January 15, 1943.

She graduated at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on April 5, 1944. After graduation, she was stationed at Biggs Army Air Field, El Paso, Texas, and was killed while flying an A-24 attack bomber on a practice flight on June 21, 1944.

VIRGINIA C. MOFFATT

Class: 43-W-2

Born: Los Angeles, California
Graduate: [Fremont High School](#)
[Los Angeles](#)

Virginia reported to the Houston Municipal Airport, Houston, Texas on December 19, 1942 to begin her flight training to become a WASP, and was in the first class of women to graduate at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, May 28, 1943.

She was then assigned to the 6th Ferrying Group, Long Beach Army Air Base, California.

She was killed while flying a BT-15 on a routine flight, 5 October 1943.



BEVERLY JEAN MOSES

Class: 44-W-5

Born: December 21, 1923
Des Moines, Iowa
Graduate: North High School
AJB Business School.

Beverly entered training to become a WASP on December 7, 1943 and graduated on June 27, 1944 at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas.

She was stationed at Las Vegas Army Air Field, Nevada.

While flying as the co-pilot in an AT-11, she was killed in a crash in the mountains near Las Vegas on July 18, 1944.

DOROTHY MAE 'DOTTIE' NICHOLS

Class: 43-W-2

Graduate: [UCLA](#)

Dottie reported to the Houston Municipal Airport, Houston, Texas on December 19, 1942 to train to become a WASP.

She was a member of the first class to graduate at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on May 28, 1943.

She was assigned to the 6th Ferrying Group at Long Beach Army Air Field, California. While ferrying a P-39 from Buffalo, New York, she was killed just after take-off outside Bismarck, North Dakota on June 11, 1944.



JEANNE LEWELLEN NORBECK

Class: 44-W-3

Born: November 14, 1912
Columbus, Indiana
Graduate: Columbus High School
[Washington State College](#)
Pullman, Washington.

Jeanne entered WASP flight training at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas in October, 1943 and graduated on April 15, 1944.

She was assigned to Shaw Army Air Base, Sumpter, South Carolina (BT-13 Modification Center), and was killed there on October 16, 1944, while flight testing a BT-13.

MARGARET SANFORD OLDENBURG

Class: 43-W-4 Trainee

Graduate: [University of California](#)

Margaret was the first trainee fatality in the WASP program.

She began her flight training to become a WASP at Houston Municipal Airport, Houston, Texas on February 21, 1943.

She was killed on a routine training flight in a PT-19 on March 7, 1943 at the training base at Houston.

MABEL VIRGINIA RAWLINSON

Class: 43-W-3

Born: March 19, 1917

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Graduate: Western Michigan College of Education

Kalamazoo, Michigan.



Mabel reported to Houston Municipal Airport, Houston, Texas on January 15, 1943 to begin her flight training to become a WASP. She graduated from Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on July 3, 1943.

She was then assigned to a tow-target squadron at Camp Davis Army Air Field, North Carolina.

She was killed in the crash of an A-24 attack bomber on August 23, 1943.

GLEANNA ROBERTS

Class: 44-W-9 Trainee

Born: January 11, 1919

Sharon Township, Iowa

Graduate: Sharon Center High School

[University of Iowa](#), Iowa City, Iowa

Gleanna entered training at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas in June, 1944 to become a WASP.

On June 20, 1944, she was killed while on a routine training flight in a PT-17 near Lorraine, Texas.

MARIE MICHELL ROBINSON

Class: 44-W-2

Born: 1919

Michigan

Graduate: National Park Junior College

Washington, D. C.



Marie began her flight training to become a WASP at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas in September, 1943 and graduated on March 11, 1944. She was stationed with the 5thFerrying Group at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, and later transferred to the Bombardier Training School, Victorville, California.

On October 2, 1944, Marie was killed when the B-25 she was co-piloting crashed in the mountains near Victorville, California.

BETTIE MAE SCOTT

Class: 44-W-3

Born: July 26, 1921

Monrovia, California

Graduate: Arcadia-Duarte High School

Attended: [Pasadena Junior College](#)

Bettie Mae entered flight training to become a WASP in October, 1943 at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas and graduated on April 15, 1944.

She was stationed at Waco Army Air Field, Waco, Texas, a Basic Flying Training School.

She was killed while flight testing aBT-13 on July 8, 1944.

DOROTHY E. SCOTT

WAFS

Born: February 16, 1920

Seattle, Washington

Attended: [University of Washington](#)

Dorothy entered the WAFS in October, 1942. She was first assigned to the 5thFerrying Division, Love Field, Dallas, Texas and later transferred for pursuit training to Palm Springs Army Air Base, California.

While flying with her instructor in an AT-6, she was killed in a mid-air collision on December 3, 1943.

MARGARET JUNE 'PEGGY' SEIP

Class: 43-W-5 Trainee

Born: June 24, 1916

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Graduate: [Lawrence College](#), Appleton, Wisconsin

Margaret entered flight training at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on April 6, 1943 to become a WASP.

She, together with her instructor and a fellow class-mate, was killed in the crash of a UC-78 near Big Springs, Texas, August 30, 1943, on a routine training flight.

HELEN JO ANDERSON SEVERSON

Class: 43-W-5 Trainee

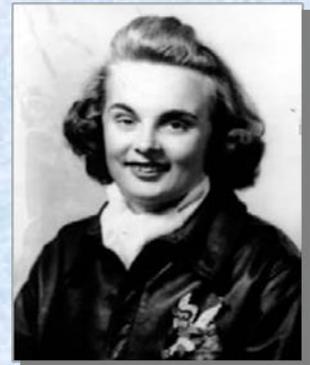
Born: November 2, 1918

Marvin, South Dakota.

Graduate: [South Dakota State University](#)
[University of Illinois](#)

Helen Jo reported to Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on April 6, 1943 to begin her training to become a WASP.

She, together with her instructor and a fellow class-mate, was killed on a routine training flight in a UC-78 near Big Springs, Texas, August 30, 1943.



MARIE ETHEL SHARON

Class 43-W-4

Born: April 21, 1917

Forsythe, Montana

Graduate: Jefferson High School

Portland, Oregon

Marie began her training to become a WASP on February 14, 1943 at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas. She graduated from Avenger Field on August 7, 1943.

She was then stationed at Long Beach Army Air Base, California and assigned to the 6th Ferrying Group.

She and her instructor were killed on April 10, 1944 near Tecumseh, Nebraska, while flying a B-25 on a night flying instrument training mission.



EVELYN SHARP

Class: WAFS

Born: October 20, 1919
Melstone, Montana.
(Grew up in Ord, Nebraska)

Evelyn entered the WAFS in October, 1942. She was assigned to the 2nd Ferrying Group, New Castle Army Air Base, Wilmington, Delaware.

She was killed on April 3, 1944 when an engine on the P-38 she was ferrying failed on take-off at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania (Evelyn was one of the most experienced women pilots in America, with 2,968 hours of flying time when she entered the WAFS.)



GERTRUDE TOMPKINS-SILVER

Class: 43-W-7

Born: October 16, 1912
Jersey City, New Jersey,
Graduate: Private School
Summit, New Jersey
[Pennsylvania School of Horticulture.](#)

Gertrude reported to Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas in June, 1943 to begin her training to become a WASP. She graduated on November 13, 1943.

She was stationed at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, with the 5th Ferrying Group.

After departing on a ferrying mission from Los Angeles, California in a P-51 for the East Coast, she never arrived, and no traces of her were ever found. (She is the only WASP not accounted for.)

BETTY PAULINE STINE

Class 44-W-2 Trainee

Born: Fort Worth, Texas
Attended: [University of Arizona](#)

Betty entered training to become a WASP at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas in September, 1943.

On February 25, 1944, during her last cross-country flight before graduation, she was killed when she was forced to bail out of her AT-6 over the mountains near Tucson, Arizona.

MARIAN TOEVS

Class: 43-W-8

Born: 1917

Aberdeen, Idaho

Graduate: [Albion State Normal School](#)
[Eastern Washington State College](#)

Marian began her training to become a WASP at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on July 10, 1943 and graduated December 17, 1943.

She was stationed at a Basic Flying Training School at [Lemoore Army Air Base](#), Lemoore, California.

She was killed near San Jose, California, while flying a BT-13 from Lemoore to Fresno, California on February 18, 1944.

MARY ELIZABETH TREBING

Class: 43-W-4

Born: December 31, 1920

Royalton, Illinois

From Mary's brother Bill: "She attended the first four years of grade-school there and at that time our family moved to Lafayette, Colorado where she went to grade school. We then moved to Louisville, Colorado and she went to more grade school there. These were tough times for the whole nation and in order to find work we moved to Gowen, Oklahoma in the 30's. She graduated from High School in Hartshorne, Oklahoma in 1941 and from there went on to graduate from Oklahoma A&M college in Wilburton, Oklahoma."



Mary reported for WASP training at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on February 21, 1943, and graduated on August 7, 1943. She was stationed at Love Field, Dallas Texas, with the 5th Ferrying Group.

She was killed on November 7, 1943, when the PT-19 she was ferrying crashed southeast of Blanchard, Oklahoma.

MARY LOUISE WEBSTER

Class: 44-W-8

Born: June 30, 1919

Ellensburg, Washington

Attended: [Central Washington State College](#)

Mary Louise went into training to become a WASP at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas in March, 1944 and graduated on October 16, 1944.

She was stationed with the 33rd Training Wing of the AFTS SE at Frederick Army Air Field, Frederick, Oklahoma.

She was killed on December 9, 1944, while flying as co-pilot in a UC-78.

BONNIE JEAN ALLOWAY WELZ

Class: 43-W-6

Born: June 22, 1918

Bridgeport, Washington

Attended: [UCLA](#)

Bonnie reported for training to become a WASP on Easter Sunday, April 25, 1943 at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas.

She graduated and became a WASP on October 9, 1943. Bonnie was sent to Dodge City, Kansas for B-26 training, and was then stationed at Harlingen Army Air Field, Harlingen, Texas, (a B-26 Flexible Gunnery School).

She was killed in the crash of a BT-13 near Randado, Texas, while on an administrative flight.



BETTY TAYLOR WOOD

Class: 43-W-4

Born: March, 1921

New Berlin, Illinois

Graduate: [Sierra Junior College](#)

Auburn, California

Betty began her training to become a WASP at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas on February 14, 1943, and graduated at Avenger on August 7, 1943.

She was assigned to Camp Davis Army Air Field, Camp Davis, North Carolina, an Anti-Aircraft Artillery School.

She was killed in the crash landing of an A-24 attack bomber on September 23, 1943.

