



Ninety-Nines

New England Section



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Sad News

With deepest sympathy, ENE 99s announces the passing of longtime member Billie Downing. Billie was a dedicated member of the 99s since 1968. She regularly participated in chapter and section meetings and events and 99s conferences for several decades. She and her husband Stu flew out of Hanscom Air Force Base. They flew several cross-country trips and flights to Alaska.

Billie will be greatly missed.

We were lucky to have captured Billie's Oral History. Here's a link: <https://youtu.be/7Kby5Lhvy1s> (Thank you, Margot, for championing the oral history project).

Billie's obituary can be found here:

<https://www.mcdonaldfs.com/obituaries/billie-downing>

Billie with the trophy she received from Cessna recognizing the occasion of her solo in flight training on June 3, 1964.



The 2016 Holiday Party at Billie's home, one of many she hosted.



The 2018 Spring Section Meeting. Pictured are Georgia Pappas, Billie Downing, Martha Dunbar and Evelyn Kropp - over 200 years of Service in the 99s!



Billie served in all leadership positions in the chapter and served as Governor of the New England Section from 1982-84.

Tailwinds Billie,

**Beth Young,
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