

We are saddened to announce the passing of one of our charter members, Emily Howell Warner. She was an industry trail blazer, and helped prepare a path for the rest of us to follow. She will truly be missed. We will pass along any information as arrangements are made.

Below is her incredible bio from the charter members' book, with an edit at the end to include her passing.

## #1 EMILY HOWELL WARNER



"Where do I begin with Emily Hanrahan Howell Warner? It's impossible to avoid hyperbole when talking about her and her career. Emily was the modern standard bearer for women in aviation, the trailblazer who broke the ice and made it possible for us to pursue our dreams and make them come true, and the beacon of hope for us all. I remember hearing the news of Frontier's hiring of Emily in January of 1973, and a whole new world of possibilities opened up for me. Emily is the reason I became an airline pilot." S.W.

Emily was born in Denver in 1939 and began flying in 1958. In 1963 she married Stan Howell and gave birth to her only child, a boy. By 1966 she was the chief pilot and the FAA designee at Clinton Aviation at Stapleton Airport.

For the next seven years, while she trained male pilots for airline jobs, she methodically pursued a position with the airlines. Emily started with Frontier Airlines on February 6, 1973. In June 1976 she married Jay Warner. Emily was a 737 captain at the time of Frontier's bankruptcy in 1986. She went on to fly for Continental and UPS before beginning a career in 1990 as the FAA Air Crew Manager for United's 737 fleet. She retired in 1990.

In retirement Emily does volunteer work for Catholic Charities Samaritan House in Denver. She has accepted speaking engagements and taken on the mentoring of young aviators for many years. Sadly, both Emily's husband Jay and her son, Stanley, are deceased.

In Emily's biography, Weaving the Winds, by Ann Lewis Cooper, she relates this story: A Frontier pilot named Jim Langhofer blackballed Emily's membership in ALPA. Even before she was hired, he complained to Frontiers management. Happily, his vote against her was overruled and she became the first female member of ALPA in 1974. Years later one of the guys came up to her and said, "You know, we played golf with him the other day and discovered that if we mention your name just as he's about to hit the ball it really ruins his game. It's a great way to win at golf." Apparently, Emily smiled and said, "Well, that is sweet justice." S.W.



We all owe an enormous debt to Emily for her courage and grace. I can't think of a better person to have picked up this mantle. I never had the privilege of getting to know her well, but every time I ever saw her she was humble, gracious, and kind.

Emily passed away on July 3, 2020