



Eva P. Fitch Obituary

April 17, 1916 - March 15, 2003

Mrs. Fitch was born on April 17, 1916 in Excel, AL, the second of ten brothers and sisters born to Hillary and Nannie Mae Parrish. She was a graduate of Troy Hospital School of Nursing in Troy, AL, earning a degree as a Registered Nurse. Mrs. Fitch was one of nine original stewardesses hired in 1939 in a trial program for in-flight attendants by Delta Airlines. At that time, a flight attendant had to be a registered nurse, single and small enough to move about the cabin of a DC2 and DC3 aircraft without disrupting flight. In this capacity, she flew with such notables as Fred Astaire, Dorothy Lamour and H.G. Wells. She also flew with pilot, C.E. Woolman, who became President of Delta Airlines. After pioneering in the airline industry, Mrs. Fitch worked closely with the Red Cross network of blood banks in North Carolina in the 1940's. She began with the Red Cross as a volunteer instructor of nurses aides during World War II. After that, she became a staff member, opening the Red Cross' 11th blood bank in Charlotte, NC. Mrs. Fitch served as President of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Albany in the 1950's. After retirement in the early 1980's she moved to Panama City Beach, FL with her husband, Bill where they lived in the Bay Point Community. While there she served on the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church and the Board of Directors of Bay Area Hospice. Together, the Fitches contributed memorabilia from her employment with Delta Airlines and financial support to help establish the Women's Division of the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham, AL.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eva P. Fitch Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Eva was my Dad's Sister, My favorite Aunt. We will all miss her. She was always there to help anyone in times of need, particularly mine. When my Dad died unexpectedly in 1962, she flew in from Chicago and spent a month with our family. She bought the kids clothes and shoes. That's the kind of person she always was. Good by Aunt Eva, so hello my my Dad for me.*

David W. Parrish - March 19, 2003 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patti: I enjoyed getting to know your mother and will always have fond memories of our visits to Panama City to visit with her and Bill. May God bless and comfort you, your sister, Bill and your families during this time. In Christ's love, Pat*

Pat Garrett - March 18, 2003 at 12:00 AM