



## **Jane Meyer Reilly**

On August 30, 2023, the Denver Kiwi Club lost one of our own, our most cherished member, Jane Meyer Reilly.

She was born in Watervliet, NY on February 10, 1930. She and her husband Ed had four children, Edward Jr., Ellen, Christopher and Gregory. Jane beamed with pride when she spoke of her children and had an especially excited manner about her when her children visited her, often attending the Kiwi meetings with Jane.

Jane was hired during American Airlines' most elegant flying era; the golden era of travel. This elegance was also required of their stewardesses and Jane Meyer Reilly was exactly that, elegant and poised.

In the next pages we would like to share our Denver Kiwi Club's stories and photos. This is what Jane Meyer Reilly meant to us. We are proud to have known Jane and it is with tears and heavy hearts we say our goodbyes as the angels carry our Jane Meyer Reilly on her last and final flight.

### A memory of Jane: AA Kiwi Assist

In the early 80's, Denver Kiwis hosted an interline luncheon and the American's DEN station manager attended. He had just found out that AA was going to offer half-price fares through the summer. Every flight was going to be full and he needed help. Jane took on the responsibility of scheduling the Kiwis who wished to participate. Jane, Linda O'Clair and I continued helping part-time at the airport for over ten years.

Paula Freeman

Another memory: For many years, I helped at the Greg Reilly Memorial Golf Tournament that benefited Adaptive Adventures. The Reilly's sponsored a hole in honor of their son. Jane and Ed held court at their hole and Greg's many school friends who participated in the annual tournament always made a point of showing them much love. Since Greg was left handed, golfers were required to take a shot off the tee with an opposite hand club and help themselves to his favorite beer from the cooler.

Paula Freeman

### Memory: My first glimpse of Jane

In the mid 70's, the incentive travel industry hired former stewardesses/flight attendants to work their programs. It was part-time work, usually in spring and fall, for clients such as Ford or Chrysler. S&H Motivation and Travel had just hired a group of mainly Kiwis from around the country to charter ride, work at the hospitality desk and direct the many included functions. As it turns out, it was a great chance interact with Kiwis who where at the resorts/hotels at the same time. Our orientation/ training was in Southfield, Michigan. At the evening get-together, there was this gorgeous woman across the room. It was JANE.

Paula Freeman

In 2006 the Denver Chapter honored Jane with The Kiwi Award.

This prestigious award is given for continuous - not less than five years - dedication, assistance, support, or promotion of The Kiwi Club and/or a chapter of The Kiwi Club.

JoMac

I first got to really know Jane at her husband Ed's Celebration of Life. She was so easy to talk to , like I had known her forever!

Bonnie Morgan

I was at my first Kiwi meeting 6 years ago when I first saw Jane. I thought, " Wow, who is this elegant lady?" I thought she was a guest speaker. It was with time that I realized she was both elegant and fierce. If she wanted more money given to SafeHouse, she was clear on this and we eventually were swayed to her side of the vote! This made me admire her even more!

Melinda Leal

It was more than a couple of time I overheard one of our Kiwis say, " I want to be like Jane!"

Melinda Leal

In 1980, Past National President, Mamie Byrd Jannette's daughter, Monique, was training for the Olympics. She had a diving accident. Craig Hospital, Englewood CO was the top spinal cord injury rehabilitation center. That is where they brought Monique. I called Jane, who knew of Mamie through TKC. Jane called Mamie and as long as Monique was in Craig hospital, the Reilly family opened their home to them. Needless to say, a lifetime friendship was made. We open our hearts and our home.

That's what we do best.

Kiwi hugs,  
Jo McFadden

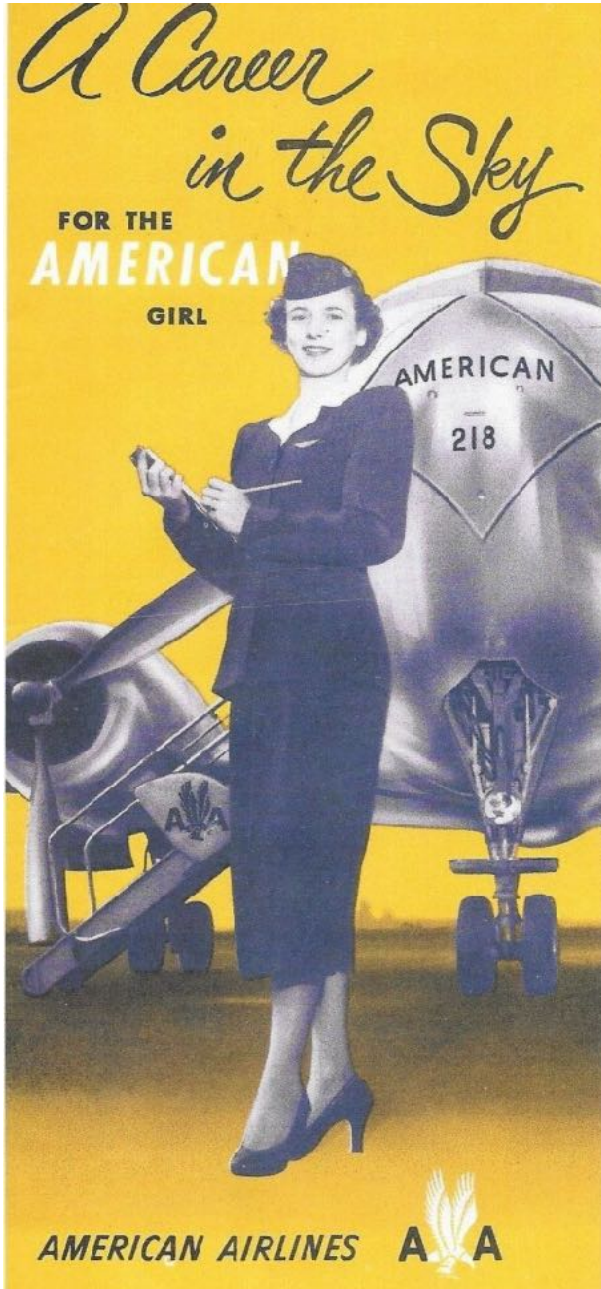
Jane was one of the most elegant seniors I have ever met. Her hair and make up were always impeccable even as her health was declining. She was a true example of how to age beautifully.

She was also so very gracious and welcoming. When I joined the Denver Kiwi chapter she was one of the first to encourage me to get involved. At the Kiwi convention in OKC, she introduces me to her many friends. It was obvious that this Club meant a lot to her and her broad reach and influence was obvious. She will be missed by many.

May she rest in peace.

Julie Gionet





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Gotta LOVE our Jane!



SafeHouse Gala 2015









This quilt was made by ATL Kiwi Betty Betts using T-shirts from our graduation pictures.



