

Lee Fish, K5FF
02/26/1923 – 05/03/2023



Lee Fish passed away May 3, 2023, at the golden age of 100.

She was a noted ham radio operator with many WAS (worked all states) and WAC (worked all countries). Below, she is standing next to a 32 foot dish on polar mount for EME (earth-moon-earth) on 144, 220, and 432 Mhz.



She was the XYL (wife) of Fred Fish, W5FF, whom the FFMA award is named after. They lived in the Manzano mountains of New Mexico near Albuquerque.

In addition, Lee received the Better Homes and Garden Award for her 3-decker sandwich. She designed clothing for herself, radio events, and square dancing.

During World War II, she was an arc welder. In 2013, she signed the bomb-bay doors of a B-25, and was asked if she was "Rosie the riveter" and she replied "No, I'm Lee the arc welder" and that is how she signed on the plane.



In her 50's she was an avid swimmer, runner, skier, and tennis player.

She was also a cat lover. In the New Mexico mountains she fed coyotes, fox, squirrels, birds and skunks.



She also acquired at age 65, a CDL for trucking. In addition, she wrote articles for Trucker USA. She was also published in the Reader's Digest.

She met President George H.W. Bush and astronomer Carl Sagan

She is survived by her three children, daughter Vada Jo Hollingsworth and husband Eugene of Colorado, daughter Patricia Varner of Texas, and son Terry Stockdale and wife Darlene of Texas; along with four grandchildren, multiple great-grandchildren as well as multiple great-great grandchildren.