

# **Caroline Iverson Ackerman**

## **Class of 1935**

**To be an aviator in the early years of human flight is an accomplishment worthy of recognition on this wall. To have done so as a woman just out of high school in the late 1930's is all the more extraordinary, and that's only the beginning of a lifetime of achievements by this pioneering woman, Caroline Iverson Ackerman. As an accomplished pilot, flight instructor, and travel columnist, Mrs. Iverson Ackerman became aviation editor for Life magazine at the age of twenty-six years. Her feature story, Susy Q: The Fightingest Flying Fortress, is recognized in The 100 Best True Stories of World War II. She looked down on the world from the skies long before flying became a routine part of the American experience and, therefore, had a captive audience for her writings. She later created Shell Oil Company's travel service named "Carol Lane," and she wrote and published a column of travel advice in more than 200 newspapers. Mrs. Iverson Ackerman holds undergraduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin at Madison as well as a graduate degree from Boston University. She was a professor of Journalism at Northeastern University. In 1949, the Association for Women in Communications bestowed its Headliner Award on Caroline Iverson Ackerman. Today, at the age of 89, she continues to provide inspiration to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as all those around her in Montana's "Big Sky" country.**

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