

Linda Langrill

I am Linda Langrill, born in Sedalia, Missouri on March 27, 1947. My parents moved to Detroit and I was raised on the east side, graduated from Detroit Denby High School in 1965. I originally wanted to become a flight attendant (stewardess in those days) but learned at age 14 that I was already too tall and weighed too much to qualify. I wish someone had asked me then, well, why don't you become a pilot instead?

I decided to become an English teacher and attended Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant where I got bachelors and masters degrees in English. I married Brent Terry in 1969. We were married 9 years and had no children. I married Craig Druskins in 1980 and we had two children. We were divorced in 2001.

I was unable to find a teaching job in 1970 so took a temporary secretary's job at Dow Chemical in Midland, and ended up staying there 18 years. I started flying lessons in 1978 as a hobby. My first flight instructor was Beverly Price from Midland. After my first lesson, I was hooked! I got my private pilot rating in 1979 and joined the Ninety-Nines in January 1980.

I continued earning ratings and eventually in 1987 found myself flight instructing at Midland Barstow Airport. By the end of 1988 I quit Dow Chemical to flight instruct full time. I flew Cessna 310's for several companies in Saginaw from 1990 to 1991. From 1992 to 1993 I flew a Cessna Caravan 208 five nights a week for FedEx. In 1993 I had twins, David and Christina born 11-25-1993. I quit flying night freight and began flight instructing.

I play piano and organ and substitute at my church. I play violin in the Midland Community Orchestra. I help out at David and Tina's elementary school in the computer lab each week. I am active in the Midland Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, and I am flying as a volunteer pilot for Wings of Mercy East Michigan. I own a share of and fly a 1976 Piper Cherokee Warrior N8110C.

Over the years I have taught ground school, helped produce an air show, chaired the Michigan SMALL Rally, earned my instrument and multi-engine instructor, ATP, Cessna Citation type rating, and Master CFI designation. My favorite flying is to take Young Eagle flights and introduce young people to the joy of flying. My favorite vacation is spending time with David and Tina at Oshkosh each summer.