

**Collection #
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**Marcia A. Broyles
collection, ca. 1946-1990s**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 6 folders of photographs, 1 folder of manuscript, 1 OVA photograph

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1946-1990s

PROVENANCE: Marcia Broyles Estate

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: *For the sport of it: female athletics and title IX*, VHS video
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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marcia Ann Broyles was born 9 December 1928 in Sharpsville, Tipton County, Indiana, to Ruby [Somsel] Broyles, a housekeeper, and Ross G. Broyles, a mail carrier. She had two older siblings, brother Jackie and sister Cleta. In 1931 another sister came along, Vangie Rae.

Marcia graduated from Sharpsville High School in 1947 and received the American Legion's School Award. She then attended Indiana University where she was consistently involved in honorary organizations and majored in physical education. She received her degree in 1951. During her school years she also supplied a dependable bat to softball teams the Kokomo Shrinettes and the Marion Hi-Way Queens, the latter of which won the state title in 1951. At IU she played in the "Powder Bowl" women's football games.

In 1953 Marcia became a flight attendant for Alaska Airlines, a job she kept for 45 years. She was based first in Anchorage, Alaska, and then in Seattle. In her free time she traveled around the world and remained active as a tennis player, cross-country skier, bicyclist, and avid hiker. In 1976 she climbed Mount Ranier.

After her retirement in 1998, Marcia remained in the Seattle area and did some pet-sitting. She died in Bellevue, Washington in 2014.

Sources:

"Marcia Ann Broyles," *Kokomo Tribune*, 4 June 2015.

"Marcia Broyles Visits Parents After Virgin Island Trip," *Tipton Daily Tribune*, 28 November 1962.

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The materials in this collection were sent to the IHS by the executor of Marcia's estate in Washington. They consist mostly of photographs of Marcia's time playing softball in Indiana and her graduating classes at Sharpsville High School and Indiana University.

Manuscript materials are as follows: two prints of softball team photographs, 1946 and 1950; Marcia's American Legion award certificate, circa 1947; a two-page typed letter to Marcia's family and friends detailing a trip she took to Australia, no date; a Russian travel visa, circa 1991; and Marcia's handwritten note to "Jane" about her recollections about her early softball days, no date.

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Sharpsville High School boys' basketball team, 1946-1947 season

Sharpsville and Ervin High Schools at U.S. Capitol, 1947

Senior portraits and composite, Sharpsville High School class of 1947

Senior portrait, colorized, Marcia Broyles, 1947

Miscellaneous snapshots, circa 1947

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