



## **YOUNGEST FLOLKS GONE WEST**

*As of Dec 31, 2022*

Celeste Reid, MLS station manager, 4/17/81, age 21, aircraft crash  
5/20/1959 - 4/17/1981  
21 yrs, 10 mos, 28 days

Dorothy Ruth Reif, BIL flight attendant, 3/12/64, age 22, DC-3 crash at MLS  
?/?/1941 - 3/12/1964  
22 yrs, ? mos, ? days

Carol Johnson, DEN flight attendant, Jan71, age 23, auto accident  
?/?/1948? - 1/?/1971  
23 yrs. ? mos, ? days

Barbara Petty, DAL flight attendant, 3/21/73, age 23, heart failure  
4/7/1949 - 3/21/1973  
23 yrs, 11 mos, 14 days

Penny Burke Erdmann, DAL? flight attendant, 11/11/1972  
3/7/1948 - 11/11/1972  
24 yrs, 8 mos, 4 days

Dan Jacoby, GSW pilot, 4/10/63, age 24, aircraft crash  
4/17/1938 - 4/10/1963  
24 yrs, 11 mos, 23 days

Ray Horrell, SLC reservation agent, 2/2/85, age 25  
12/29/1959 - 2/2/1985  
25 yrs, 1 mon, 4 days

Charlie Gayles, DEN manager-spares planning, 8/8/81, age 25, auto accident  
1/9/1956 - 8/8/1981  
25 yrs, 6 mos, 30 days

Dan Gough, BIL pilot, 3/12/64, age 25, DC-3 crash at MLS  
??/1938 - 3/12/1964  
25 yrs, ? mos, ? days

Wayne Johnston, DEN payroll manager, 12/5/64, age 26, auto accident  
9/7/1938 - 12/5/1964  
26 yrs, 2 mos, 28 days

Mike Sallee, MCI DEN reservations agent, 6/14/82, age 26, home accident  
1/18/1956 - 6/14/1982  
26 yrs, 4 mos, 27 days

Gayle Bussinger, MLS station agent, 3/12/64, age 27, DC-3 crash at MLS  
1/21/1937 - 3/12/1964  
27 yrs, 1 mon, 19 days

Jay Shah, DEN mechanic, 2/13/80, age 27, ramp accident  
6/11/1952 - 2/13/1980  
27 yrs, 8 mos, 2 days

Bernie Kersen, DEN mechanic, 3/15/72, age 28, auto accident  
8/29/1943 - 3/15/1972  
28 yrs, 6 mos, 15 days

Cindy Donielson, AMA MKC DEN flight attendant, age 28  
6/8/1945 - 2/15/1974  
28 yrs, 8 mos, 7 days

Karen Allen, STL ticket counter agent, 10/28/76, age 29, during childbirth  
9/16/1947 - 10/28/1976  
29 yrs, 1 mon, 12 days

AJ VanVeldhuizen, RNO SCK station agent, 10/15/1993, age 29  
6/21/1964 - 10/15/1993  
29 yrs, 3 mos, 24 days

Will Pliska, MCI reservation agent, 9/7/76, age 29, motorcycle accident  
11/4/1946 - 9/7/1976  
29 yrs, 10 mos, 3 days

Ernie Alderete, DEN flight attendant, Jun 1981, age 29  
9/7/1951 - 6/1981  
29 yrs, 9 mos

Dan "Smitty" Smith, DEN station agent, 9/2/86, age 30, motorcycle accident  
11/27/1955 - 9/2/1986  
30 yrs, 9 mos, 6 days

Kevin Winn, DEN reservations agent/crew scheduler, 11/13/82, age 31, stroke  
7/5/1951 - 11/13/1982  
31 yrs, 3 mos, 8 days

Fred Ireland, COS station manager, 4/28/1962, age 31  
12/7/1930 - 4/28/1962  
31 yrs, 5 mos, 21 days

Bill Kilian, DEN station agent, 11/24/76, age 31, killed by gun in luggage  
2/10/1945 - 11/24/1976  
31 yrs, 9 mos, 14 days

Duane Dillard, DEN pilot, 11/19/74, age 32  
12/31/1942 - 11/19/1974  
31 yrs, 10 mos, 19 days

Harold Worrell, DEN mechanic, Apr84, age 32  
1/3/1952 - 4/?/1984  
32 yrs, 3 mos

Christine Denning, STL marketing rep, 12/13/80, age 32  
7/17/1948 - 12/13/1980  
32 yrs, 4 mos, 26 days

Jimmy Fanning, FSM DEN cleaner, Jun84, age 32  
11/2/1951 - 6/9/1984  
32 yrs, 7 mos, 7 days

Kent Retchless, DEN LAS station agent, 10/1/1987, age 32, auto accident  
2/9/1955 - 10/1/1987  
32 yrs, 7 mos, 22 days

Buddy Washington, DEN flight attendant, 4/5/91, age 32, HIV  
7/6/1958 - 4/5/1991  
32 yrs, 8 mos, 30 days

Morris Leach, DEN mechanic, 6/30/58, age 32, ramp accident  
4/29/1926 - 6/30/1958  
32 yrs, 2 mos, 1 day

Dennis Klock, DEN pilot, 2/28/79, age 33, air crash  
10/30/1945 - 2/28/1979  
33 yrs, 3 mos, 29 days

Rick Cochran, DEN 12/21/67, age 33, DC3 crash at DEN  
6/28/1934 - 12/21/1967  
33 yrs, 5 mos, 23 days

Don Jansen, TOP station manager, 5/21/68, age 33, auto accident  
11/25/1934 - 5/21/1968  
33 yrs, 5 mos, 26 days

Marty Favor, MKC mechanic, 5/6/66, age 33  
10/7/1932 - 5/6/1966  
33 yrs, 6 mos, 29 days

Andy Andersen, DEN aircraft mechanic, May89, age 33  
8/10/1955 - 5/?/1989  
33 yrs, 9 mos

Joe Hill, PHX pilot, 2/24/59, age 33, cancer  
5/3/1925 - 2/24/1959  
33 yrs, 9 mos, 21 days

Mickey Ishida, DEN clerk, 1/21/62, age 33, heart disease  
2/8/1928 - 1/21/1962  
33 yrs, 11 mos, 13 days

Charlie Hirsig, LAR founder & president-Summit Airways, 1/15/45, age 34, aircraft crash  
1/11/1911 - 1/15/1945  
34 yrs, 4 days

Denny Meyer, pilot, 1/18/78, age 34, Otter crash at PUB  
12/7/1943 - 1/18/1978  
34 yrs, 1 mon, 11 days

Fred Van Weerd, SLC cleaner, 10/8/72, age 34, heart attack  
8/8/1938 - 10/8/1972  
34 yrs, 2 mos

Rocky Crane, pilot, 12/21/67, age 34, DC3 crash at DEN  
7/7/1933 - 12/21/1967  
34 yrs, 5 mos, 14 days

Diane McLaughlin, flight attendant, 8/2/85, age 34, Delta Airlines crash  
2/2/1951 - 8/2/1985  
34 yrs, 6 mos

Dave Allison, DFW station agent, 7/11/80, age 34, motorcycle accident  
9/24/1945 - 7/11/1980  
34 yrs, 9 mos, 17 days

Lee Smart, DEN flight attendant, age 35  
11/18/1954 - 12/16/1989  
35 yrs, 28 days

William Poe, SLC pilot, 5/27/72, age 35  
3/31/1937 - 5/27/1972  
35 yrs, 1 mon, 27 days

Dale Glenn, pilot, 1/18/78, age 35, Otter crash at PUB  
10/12/1942 - 1/18/1978  
35 yrs, 3 mos, 6 days

John Montgomery, DEN flight attendant, age 35  
11/11/1956 - 4/21/1992  
35 yrs, 5 mos, 10 days

Jack Griffin, pilot, 10/4/74, age 35, aircraft crash  
2/13/1939 - 10/4/1974  
35 yrs, 7 mos, 21 days

Jim Booth, DEN JAC RNO station agent, 6/12/82, age 35, cancer  
10/19/1946 - 6/12/1982  
35 yrs, 7 mos, 24 days

Dale Epperson, aircraft mechanic, 11/25/82, age 35  
1/26/1947 - 11/25/1982  
35 yrs, 9 mos, 30 days

Doug White, DEN mechanic, 4/9/77, age 35, drowning  
4/29/1941 - 4/9/1977  
35 yrs, 11 mos, 11 days

TOTAL 51 who were 35 years old & under.