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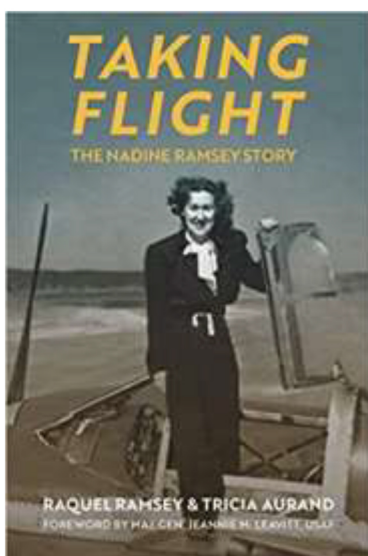
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Nadine Ramsey, a former member of Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP), was the first woman to personally own a Lockheed P-38 Lightning. She was also the first pilot to enter the 1946 Bendix Trophy Race and was quoted as saying: "I'll win, if Jackie Cochran doesn't get in it."

Unfortunately, the words she gave the reporters covering the Bendix event that day quickly faded into antiquity, leaving serious students of air racing history to ponder---whatever happened to Nadine Ramsey? The new book *TAKING FLIGHT, THE NADINE RAMSEY STORY* answers the this long lingering question and much more.

Authors Raquel Ramsey and Tricia Aurand have captured the essence of a young Kansas girl who defied convention and stereotypes to learn to fly in the 1930s. It also a vividly detailed account of the adventure and sacrifice that Nadine made while serving her country in a time of need and by becoming one of only 26 WASP pilots qualified to fly the P-38 Lightning. However, this well researched book offers much more than telling the story of a woman who helped break down barriers for future aviators. It is really a patriotic tale of the Ramsey family, coupled with historical events of the day.

So, whatever happened to Nadine Ramsey? I highly recommend you check out *TAKING FLIGHT* and answer this question for yourself.

Raquel Ramsey, a retired teacher, is the widow of Nadine's brother Col. Edwin P Ramsey, a highly decorated World War II hero, and the executive producer of his documentary, *Never Surrender: The Ed Ramsey Story*.

Tricia Aurand is a screenwriter. Both Ramsey and Aurand live in Los Angeles.