

## **Martha Anne Woodrum Zillhardt**

### **Fincastle, Virginia**



Inducted in 1985, Martha Anne Woodrum Zillhardt's career was marked by a number of firsts in Virginia aviation. After soloing in 1940, Mrs. Zillhardt earned her private pilot, instructors and commercial ratings and is believed to be the first woman in Virginia to earn an instrument rating. She organized a fixed base operation at Woodrum Field just after WWII and built it into a major multi-service company. She was elected president of the Virginia Aviation Trades Association in 1960 and served on the Roanoke Airport Advisory Committee