



## Ola "Millie" Rexroat McDonald (1917-2017)

Ola "Millie" Rexroat McDonald was born at Ogden, Kansas, but grew up on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, as her mother was a member of the Oglala Lakota nation. In World War II she joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) and began flying military aircraft in training exercises. She was the first Native American to serve in the WASPs. Later she transferred to the Air Force Reserves and began work as an air traffic controller. The airfield operations building at Ellsworth Air Force Base is named in honor of Capt. Millie Rexroat.