

# Woman makes final parachute jump

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Lynn Chapman-Adler, who was integral to the development of modern parachutes, made her 651st and final parachute jump Saturday afternoon in Felicity, Calif., where a portion of her cremated remains were scattered during an induction ceremony into the Hall of Fame of Parachuting.

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Lynn Chapman-Adler's ashes were dispersed during a jump as part of her induction into the Hall of Fame of Parachuting monument.

"Lynn had a remarkable energy and a tireless spirit," said her husband Michael Adler. "This was her final wish, to fly forever."

While Adler had extensive experience in parachuting, she is most known for her testing of the modern Barish parachute.

"She was used for testing because she was so small at 5' 3" and was unflappable," Michael said. "She became very well-known in the parachuting universe because of her Barish tests, but it almost killed her."

During her one of her tests, she experienced two life-threatening malfunctions at different altitudes.

"While her ashes are parachuted down, they will be dispersed at the two altitudes she experienced her difficulties during her jump," Michael said. "I think that's a very fitting tribute to her. She was a remarkable, energetic and extremely modest woman. I didn't even know for three years after meeting her that she jumped out of airplanes. And that's usually the first thing that people do is brag about their heroics, but she was never like that."

Each year, only two people are selected to receive the honor of being inducted into the monument and the committee selects only the most accomplished parachutists.

"Having one's name engraved in granite on the Hall of Fame of Parachuting monument is the ultimate honor for a parachutist," said Mayor Jacques Istel, founder of the Hall of Fame of Parachuting monument. " (It's) designed for 4,000 years, like all monuments at the Museum of History in Granite, the Hall of Fame of Parachuting benefits from and adds variety to its prestigious environment."

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