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Introducing Laurie Curtis

by Josh Rittenberry

This month we feature someone whose hard work and dedication allows our company to thrive. Although Laurie Curtis is one of the backbones of Mid-Continent, she and her accomplishments are rarely seen or heard. Unlike her co-workers, few of you have the good fortune of knowing Laurie, so let me introduce you to this unsung hero of ours.

Laurie was raised in Caruthersville, Missouri, just a few short miles from our base in Hayti. The second youngest of ten children, the Tillman household was rough and tumble, and also devoutly Catholic, whether they liked it or not. Mrs. Tillman made certain of that.



Just a few years removed from high school, Laurie first came to Mid-Continent in 1986 landing in the accounting department. But after a short time, she left to pursue an opportunity with a local CPA. With an offer from Larry Cookemboo, Laurie returned to Mid-Continent soon after to assist him in the parts and maintenance departments. More changes occurred within the company, and Laurie found herself back in accounting. She had come full circle and has never looked back.

In Laurie's absence had come the arrival of new treasurer and CFO Chris Cobb. Her return meant that she and Chris would be working closely with one another. As it turned out, the pair were no strangers; both had been raised together in the same neighborhood for most of their childhood.

"Working with Chris on a daily basis is like working with a brother," Laurie says.

Among Laurie's critically important duties are accounts receivable, accounts payable, and managing payrolls from our location, as well as three satellite locations. In addition, Laurie is a corporate officer and essentially a walking-talking human resources department, not to mention a reliable listener, good friend, and one of the best cooks this side of the Mississippi. More than a few of her co-workers owe the start of their careers at Mid-



Continent to Laurie and her recommendation, including this grateful writer.

When asked about the key to her long tenure, Laurie credits the friendship of Chris Cobb, as well as the influence of Dick Reade, whom Laurie says took her under his wing like he did for so many. The two became so close that Mr. Reade chose Laurie as his “best man” at his 2018 wedding to wife Linda.



Laurie has been married to devoted husband Kevin Curtis for 33 years. Together they share three children, two granddaughters, and six grandsons, all of whom are the light of their lives.

“Most people head off to work dreading it, and that is something that I don’t do because when you are happy with what you do, that’s nothing to dread. I love all of my co-workers and they really have become family to me.”



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Our Mid-Continent family is devastated by the tragic loss of Charles Stokes. Please join us in continued prayers for the Stokes Family that through their grief they find strength and solace during this unimaginable time.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
Psalms 34:18

Charles Garland Stokes
July 3, 1999 - July 23, 2022

On July 23, 2022 the world lost a wonderful, young man. Charles Garland Stokes, 23, passed away while fulfilling his dream as a crop duster. Charles was born on July 3, 1999 in Memphis, TN. He attended school in Marion and was a 2017 graduate of Marion High School. He attended college at the University of Arkansas, where he pledged Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Charles' love for flying began at a young age. He obtained his private pilot's license before he graduated high school and later obtained his commercial license. Charles began his career as a crop duster for Stokes Flying Services in Earle, AR in 2021. In addition to flying, Charles enjoyed playing and watching football. He was a Tom Brady fanatic and got the pleasure of seeing him play in Tampa last year. In his spare time, Charles enjoyed hunting with his Dad; going to the lake with his friends; spending time with his family; and being the best Uncle to Kody. Charles is survived by his parents Tracey and Tracy Stokes; sister, Emma Stokes; and nephew, Kody Stokes. He also leaves his grandparents Milton and Sharon Southall, Dennie and Lou Stokes; aunt Crystal (Scott) Hill; uncle Greg (April) Stokes; cousins Brock and Ebby Hill, Reese Stokes; extended family and many friends. Services for Charles Stokes were held at Marion First United Methodist Church on July 27. Memorials may continue to be sent to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.





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5,175.7 A/F TT, 5175.7 TT
Engine, No Damage, 2970.5 TT



1938 BOEING STEARMAN A75 N1 N54284

6,080.7 A/F TT, 520.4 TSMOH,
450 HP, Garmin SL-40 Com, PS

Comm Radio Hand Held, 1034 Hrs Left Before Wing Spar Due, Light Star SatLoc, Bottom Load Fuel, Boom w/ CP03 Nozzles

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1973 CESSNA 172M N328DD

5,267 A/F TT, 700 TSMOH, 52 Gal Fuel Tanks, Lycoming O-320, McCauley 2-blade Prop, Bauman BF 2550A Amphibious Floats, Garmin 430W GPS w/ Glide Slope/VOR/GPS, Garmin GTX330 Transponder, ADSB Out, LED Landing Lights, Power Flow Exhaust, Brackett Aero Poly Air Filter, JP Instruments 450 Fuel Flow, Electronics International EGT/OAT/CHT Gauge, PS300 Four Place Intercom GI106A VOR/ILS/GPS, Excellent Four Seat Interior

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1998 Air Tractor AT-802A N5094H

12,152.6 A/F TT, 1230 HP, 2000 SPOH, Reabe Digital Hopper, Quantity & Spray Boom Pressure, E-TEC Inc Fast Start System, Comm Radio, Hemisphere G4 GPS, RT Side Boom Shut Off, Smoker, Hydraulic Gate, Air Conditioner, Wipaire Vortex Generators, Wingman Wing Due at 15,823.2, Gear Due at 12,798.2, Eyebolt Stabilizer Due at 14,798.2, 4479.7 Hobbs

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1966 PIPER PAWNEE N4484Y

3,513 A/F TT, 780 TSMOH, 235 HP, Bantam GPS, Intelliflow, SMMker, Spreader, Completely Recovered, Replaced All Cables, Pulleys, Shocks and Windows, Repaired All Metal Parts. Very Clean Western Airplane.

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1981 CESSNA A185F N61955

7,300 A/F TT, 770 SFRM, Continental IO520, 285 HP, Audio Panel w/ 3 Light Markers, Garmin 430 WAAS, Garmin 255 Com, Garmin GTX 345 w/ ADSM In and Out, Glide Slope, Stormscope, S-TEC-50 Auto Pilot with Altitude Hold, Rosen Sun Visors, VG Kit, Horton STOL Kit, Float Kit, Cessna Turbo Vents for Cabin Cooling, Backup Altimeter, Backup Artificial Horizon

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Engineering PM-1200, Oilomatic Preoiler, Airwold Remote Oil Filter Smoker, Speed Ring, 46 Gal Fuel, Redline Brakes, Garmin GDL 82 ADSB-Out

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2013 THRUSH S2R-H80 N3046N

3,600 A/F TT, 800 HP, Load Hawg, VGs, Bottom Fuel/Dual Load, Intelliflow with Smart Pump, Leading Edge Lights, Stainless Steel Booms, Hopper Rinse, Bantam, Smoker, Spreader with Kicker Plate, CPs, MVP 50T Glass Panel

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1978 PIPER PAWNEE BRAVE N3787E

4,559 A/F TT, Lycoming TIO-540, 1851.0 TT Engine, 446 Hrs on New Carbine, Cylinders Top OH, Spreader, Boom & Nozzles, 86 Gal Fuel, Satlock GPS, 3656 Hrs Left on Wing Spars

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1996 THRUSH S2R-G1 N2237D

9,688.0 A/F TT, Hatfield Bottom
Load Fuel, A/C, Vortex
Generators, New Satlock
Bantam, Flow Control, Stainless
Steel Spray System, AFS Check
Valves, CP Nozzles, Agrinautics
Pump, Lane Electric Brake,
Aircraft Radios, Fresh Eddie
Current, Spar Caps 3220 of
6,200 Hour Life

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2010 Dream Tundra, N523MM

90.0 A/F TT, Aerosport IO375
210 HP, PMA-8000B Switching
Panel with 4 Place Intercom and
Three Light Markers, Garmin SL-
40 Com, Garmin 430 GPS,
Garmin GTX-330 Transponder,
Garmin 496 GPS (Panel
Mounted),
Digiflight II Autopilot w/ Altitude
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