

## **Beverley Bass: Breaking the Glass Ceiling**

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When she was young and frail

All airline pilots were male.

While her love of flying took her to new heights

Envisioning this career seemed quite a fright.

She was determined to break barriers

And wanted to fly for a major airline carrier.

She started out flying for a mortician

But strived for a greater ambition.

Soon it was on to company charters

But this job too was just a starter.

American Airlines is where she wanted to be

To hopefully achieve equity.

It took many years to get to the top

But eventually she became the first female captain which is why she never stopped

Learning and exploring all the friendly skies

Despite the fact she worked with mostly guys.

She has empowered the lives of many young girls

By overcoming all of these hurdles.