



Dr. Rita Mercille-Green

June 21, 1926 - December 24, 2018

Dr. Rita Mercille Green passed away peacefully in her sleep in Memphis, TN on December 24, 2018. Rita was born and raised in Bloomington, Indiana on June 21, 1926 and was the only child of William Arthur Mercille and Margaret Grant.

As a strong believer in the importance of education, Rita earned her Bachelor's degree followed by a master's degree from Indiana University. Continuing her education, she received her PhD in 1964 from Fordham University in New York City.

Her illustrious career began at St Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She continued working within university systems including Indiana University School of Medicine (Indianapolis, IN), Medical College of Georgia (Augusta, GA), Tulane University (New Orleans, LA), and the Lubbock, TX Independent School System. One of the many highlights of her career was working as team leader for the Georgia Comprehensive Epilepsy Program, where she led the design and implementation of programs to create a network of highly qualified professionals better able to support those with epilepsy.

Rita and her spouse, Dr. Joseph Green (predeceased) moved to Memphis in the mid-1990s where they were active in their community. Most recently Rita worked with Jewish Family Services helping to create the Senior Fair at the Jewish Community Center.

Rita's day always began with reading the New York Times from cover to cover. As a voracious reader, she would make a point of taking breaks from her daily volunteering and philanthropic activities to read one of the many books she had on the go. Rita was well-versed in everything from artists to authors to sports to politics. She belonged to many book clubs and had fascinating insights to share. She loved libraries and museums and was always keen to discover new things.

Family was of the utmost importance to Rita, and she was always loving and supportive. She will be dearly missed by her daughter Charna (Michael) Evans, son Robert (Jodi) Green, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Also left to mourn her passing are her

brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. David and Tiby Green.

The family would like to thank longtime friends George Rogers (Mildred) and Michael Lebovitz (Jo) for their loving care and companionship.

The funeral will be 10 a.m. Friday, December 28, 2018 in the Levy-Cooper Chapel at the Temple Israel Cemetery, 1708 Hernando Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38106.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your charity of choice.

The family will receive visitors at:

Town Village

950 Cherry Road, Apartment 218

Memphis, Tennessee 38117

Friday, December 28, following the funeral until 4 pm.

Cemetery

Temple Israel Cemetery

1708 Hernando Road
Memphis, TN, 38106

Events

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Funeral Service

10:00AM

Levy-Cooper Chapel @ Temple Israel Cemetery
1708 Hernando Rd., Memphis, TN, US, 38106

Comments



“ Oh I have soo many stories about Rita and me!! She was a sweet soul, but would argue with God! Many sweet memories, from birthdays and Christmas celebrations, to going to the hummingbird festival, to neighbor hood parties and happy hours, to rescuing Scoop, to my “open concept “ living room, to early morning phone calls about our homes flooding, to several medical issues, both her and me. We were there for each other. When she first moved in, I wondered why at 80, she would need a 3 bedroom home. I quickly found out! She had more visitors and family, entertained and went out much more than me!! When she moved, I was sad. We talked occasionally, but it wasn't the same as her living next door. Bless her sweet soul. I love you Rita!

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