



Doris Lillian Getsug

October 18, 1916 - November 25, 2010

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Oct. 18, 1916 - Nov. 25, 2010 Age 94, a distinguished career public servant, died peacefully at the Rossy and Richard Shaller Family Shalom East Campus in Saint Paul on Thanksgiving Day. Ms. Getsug began her career in government more than 70 years ago as a merit system employee at the beginning of the Saint Paul Civil Service system. While she worked as a teller in the Saint Paul Water Department, she studied liberal arts at the University of Minnesota. During World War II, she served as a member of the Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, and later served briefly in the United States Air Force Reserve during the Korean conflict. Following her completion of an undergraduate degree with honors, she was hired as a merit system employee of the Saint Paul City Council, where she worked as a Research Analyst for more than 25 years doing complex legislative research and policy analysis. During that time, her work provided non-partisan support for actions and ordinances proposed and enacted by the City Council. She finished her career in Saint Paul City Government as a dispute resolution professional in the City's complaint department while completing her Master's degree in Public Administration at the Hubert Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. She was an early academic pioneer of the Swedish Ombudsman concept for use in municipal government, a subject of her published Masters Thesis, and the theme of her final years in government service. Throughout her career, she was a humanitarian, a devoted supporter of liberal ideals and an active agent for social change on issues of civil rights and diversity. She was an outspoken advocate for the rights of women, the homeless and for indigent Native Americans. At the time of her retirement from the City of Saint Paul, she had more than 50 years of continuous government service. Until her death, Doris Getsug remained a philanthropist supporting many local charities, and an active member on the national and local levels of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), the Minnesota Society for Public Administration (MAPA), the American Judicature Society (AJS), and the Planetarium Society. She was also a member of the University of Minnesota Alumni Association from the time of her undergraduate degree until her death. She was a graduate of Saint Paul Central High School, and the daughter of Mathilda and Julius Getsug, the sister of Joseph, Bertram, Beatrice (Shepard), and Sydney Getsug, all

deceased. She is survived by her brother, Earl J Getsug , and many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews, whom she loved, mentored and to whom she gave generously throughout her life. Funeral Service Sunday, 12 NOON at Hodroff-Epstien Memorial Chapel, 671 S. Snelling Ave., St. Paul. Hodroff-Epstein 651-698-8311

Events

NOV **Service** 12:00PM

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Hodroff-Epstein Memorial Chapel - St. Paul
671 S. Snelling Ave, St. Paul, MN, US

Comments



“ Dear Earl & Family
We got to know Doris and you through the Hamline American Legion Post No.418.
We are sorry to hear that Doris has passed away and will keep her in our prayers!
We send our Best Wishes to you and your family.
Kathy & Bernie Jansen

Kathy and Bernie Jansen - November 27, 2010 at 10:29 PM



“ You are in my thoughts and I send you my sympathy at the loss of Doris.

Madee Wilton - November 27, 2010 at 10:38 AM



“ On behalf of Temple of Aaron, we would like to extend our condolences to Doris' family and friends. May the Holy One comfort you upon your loss and may Doris' soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life. L'Shalom ~ Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein, Rabbi Barry Cytron and Cantor Mitchell Kowitz

Temple of Aaron - November 26, 2010 at 11:53 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

With Deepest Sympathy,
Lisa Perlman

Lisa Perlman - November 26, 2010 at 11:42 AM