



Leila Mae Georg

February 25, 1918 - August 22, 2017

Leila Mae Georg, longtime resident of Petersburg, died Tuesday, August 22nd at the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights, IL. She was 99 years old. She will be remembered as a woman of strong character with a lively sense of humor who demonstrated a sincere interest in her friends and her community. She lived a full life through most of the 20th Century and her experiences gave her a well-grounded outlook on life. Her family and those whose lives she touched will greatly miss her.

She served the Menard County community for 33 years from 1959 to 1992 as the executive director of the Menard County Housing Authority. Under her leadership, the authority grew from 40 family units in Petersburg to 320 units across Menard County. She was the first in the state to do stand-alone affordable housing sites and the first to build high-rise senior living apartments in a community under 2,500. In 1990, she was honored by being awarded the IAHA David Morgan Memorial Award for her service to the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities and for the many firsts and leaderships she provided to that agency. She is remembered for her compassion and concern for the many tenants that she helped along the way.

In addition to her public housing accomplishments, her community involvement included Chairman of the Petersburg Planning and Zoning Commission for approximately 10 years, former officer of the Edgar Lee Master's Museum Board, Chairman of the Edgar Lee Master's 1st Day

Postage Stamp Issue, Member of Menard County Historical Society Board, member of Sangamon State University (now U of I Springfield) Foundation Board (1973 – 1987), member of the Menard County Welfare Advisory Board, member of Vachel Lindsay Board, member of Advisory Councils of Lincoln Land Community College and the University of Illinois extension service, member of the Governor’s Manpower Committee – Region 11, member of West Central Illinois Regional Health Service Committee, member of the Petersburg Library Board and was a board member responsible for the establishment of the Mentor Graham Day Care Center in Petersburg. She supported various local organizations including the Great American People Show, Springfield Symphony and Theater Guild in Springfield. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was invited to qualify for membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Colonial Dames.

After retiring from the Housing Authority, she pursued her passion for genealogy and completed not only her own family’s extensive genealogy, but also the genealogies for many families in the community which she gifted to those families. Her work was subsequently donated to the genealogy collection in the Athens library.

Throughout her life, she demonstrated a love of learning and kept abreast of current topics by reading an array of magazines and other news sources each month. She loved to host dinners for her friends and engage in spirited, thought provoking discussions – always with a great deal of laughter and amusing quips.

Her lifelong passions, other than genealogy, were antiques including her collection of oriental rugs and gardening by which she kept flower gardens and planted more than 50 trees in her small yard - “none in the right place” according to her.

Leila Mae Terry was born near Tice, IL on Feb. 25, 1918, the daughter of

Alvestus Rufus Terry and Mary Rood Terry. She grew up on a prosperous farm, rode her pony to a one room grade school and was a high school beauty in Springfield with her dark curls. As a young woman, she worked in Springfield where one day she visited a photography studio and met her future husband, Raymond H. Georg, a Springfield artist and photographer. They were wed in 1953 and had three children before Raymond's death in 1958 at which time she moved back to Petersburg.

Leila Mae is survived by three sons, Winthrop Georg, Phillips Victor Georg and Clinton Georg, and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond and her two sisters Iris Marie Terry and Zepha Eloise Cloyd.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 1st at 6:00 PM at the Central Presbyterian Church in Petersburg. The family will receive visitors at the church from 5:00 PM until the start of the service. There will be a brief service at the interment on Saturday, September 2nd at 11:00 AM at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL.

Donations can be made to Central Illinois Services and the Menard County Food Pantry in lieu of flowers.

Cemetery Details

Oak Ridge Cemetery

1441 Monument
Springfield, IL 62702

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Central Presbyterian Church of Petersburg
210 W. Douglas
Petersburg, IL 62675

Funeral

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Petersburg, IL 62675

Burial

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leila Mae Georg*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss*

Kenny Haynes SR - September 03, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was always well thought of.*

Carol Dean Ortery - September 02, 2017 at 11:34 PM



“ *Phip. so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for you and your family.*

Darrell Kissick - September 01, 2017 at 08:46 AM



worked for mrs georg she was kind and generous so sorry for your loss

janet petersen - September 03, 2017 at 12:33 AM



“ *I did not know Mrs. Georg personally but I remember my folks spoke highly of her. She was much respected by Harlan and Dorothy Thomas. May you find comfort in this time.*

Judy Cook Williams - September 01, 2017 at 01:56 AM

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“ Laurie Rutherford-Wilson lit a candle in memory of Leila Mae Georg



Laurie Rutherford-Wilson - August 31, 2017 at 01:07 PM

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“ I worked closely with Leila Mae during my years as Community Development Director for the city of Petersburg from 1978 to 1984. I knew her as a tireless, bright, and totally effective leader. Because of her, the City was able to accomplish a great deal in partnership with the Menard County Housing Authority, including the construction of new Senior housing. I will never forget her laugh and her smile and her willingness to take risks and get the job done. Rest in peace, my friend.

Steve Meiss

Steve Meiss - August 31, 2017 at 12:44 PM

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Marsha Gum - August 30, 2017 at 08:46 AM

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“ So sorry to hear Leila Mae has passed. She was a wonderful lady.

Patricia Vig - August 29, 2017 at 12:03 PM