



Dr. Georgia A. Bowman

May 25, 1927 - January 2, 2021

Dr. Georgia A. Bowman, 93, of Indianapolis, IN, passed away January 2, 2021 at home surrounded by family. She was born May 25, 1927 in Anderson, Indiana the daughter of James L. and Nellie Skaggs Benefiel both deceased. She graduated from Anderson High School and attended Ball State University receiving both BA and MA degrees graduating Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude. Scholastic honors included graduating fifth in her class, was a member of Kappa Kappa Sorority, and four National Honorary Fraternities (Kappa Delta Pi, Pi Gamma Mu, Sigma Zeta and Sigma Tau Delta). Later in life she graduated from Nova Southeastern University with her Doctorate in Education. Georgia married Edward F. Bowman December 1949. They enjoyed 55 years of marriage. Edward preceded her in death March 2004. Georgia was employed with the Indianapolis Public Schools for 36 years serving as an elementary teacher, a General Curriculum consultant and Elementary School principal serving schools 95 and 102. She was named Principal of the Year by the Principals Association, recipient of the Eleventh District Principal of the Year Award, member of the IPS Foundation Board, Leader of Principals Collegial Support Group and supported many initiatives that contributed to elementary education. Her visit by invitation to the White House in 1976 as representative for the National Council of Administrative Women in Education represented a special career highlight. Georgia served as past President for the Indianapolis Elementary Principals'

Association; Indianapolis Council of Administrative Women; State President Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma; State President of Alpha Epsilon; State President of Indiana School Women; served National Council of Administrative Women in Education; State President of Indiana Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (IASCD); member Fortnightly Literary Club; Woman's Department Club and Catherine Merrill Literary Club. She also served on Delta Kappa Gamma's International Board in several roles including Chairman of Professional Affairs.

Georgia was an active member in the Indianapolis Propylaeum serving as Co-Chair of the Investment Club; Chairman of Poetry Club; Auditor Woman's Department Club. She also was a participant in the Indianapolis Symphony Society; Irvington Historical Society; Benton House; Indiana State Retired Teachers; AAUW; Phi Lambda Theta; and Fortnightly Literary Club.

Survivors include son, Mark E. Bowman (Lori); grandchildren, Alex E. Bowman (Lindsey) and Emily C. Tucker (Nathan); step-grandchildren, Emily Stanke (preceded in death), Abby Jerrell and Alison Jerrell; and great-grandchildren, Ellie Tucker, Olivia Johnson and Randy Stanke.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 7, 2021 from 12 noon until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street. Interment will follow at Washington Park East Cemetery.

Special thanks go to the staff of Magnolia Springs Southpointe, Golden Age Healthcare and Heritage Hospice for their caring, kindness, compassion and professionalism.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indianapolis Propylaeum, 1410 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. www.shirleybrothers.com.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - January 07, 2021 at 12:08 PM

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“ I met Dr. Bowman at the Indianapolis Propylaeum soon after I joined in 2011. Her warm personality and welcoming style quickly integrated me into this organization (www.the Propylaeum.org). Georgia led the Poetry Club and helped us love this magical part of the literary world. She would have us take turns reading out loud classical and contemporary poetry works. I looked forward to each monthly morning meeting because of her.

As co-founder of the Propylaeum's Investment Club, she rotated "senior partner" leadership with fellow co-founder Paula McKay. Partner Georgia was well-prepared about each security in the Club's portfolio and guided the partners in robust discussions about all aspects of each holding and the complex components of the stock market. Any retiring partner always left with a profit! Every partner left each meeting she chaired a richer person for the experience she created.

Georgia's influence on me continues to his day. She will be greatly missed by everyone she touched. Heaven has gained a mighty educator, leader and joyful soul. Her writing skills, ability to resolve complex problems, love of her son and family, and ability to make everyone feel extra special will never be forgotten. Diane Tolliver

Diane K. Tolliver - January 07, 2021 at 06:52 AM

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“ I met Georgia in Magnolia Springs, where my mother has been also the past 2 1/2 years. Georgia was always so sweet and loved to talk about her school days and all the children she encountered and how she loved her educational career. I haven't seen her in 9 months due to Covid. She will be missed Rest peacefully sweet lady. Terry Anderson.



Terry Anderson - January 06, 2021 at 06:29 PM

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“ I was the manger of the Propylaeum for 20 years and always enjoyed seeing Georgia--- always a smile on her face and ALWAYS a lady. She was always so put together and had something nice to say to everyone. She may have been tiny but a giant for all that new her. She will be truly missed.

Linda Carlen

Linda Carlen - January 05, 2021 at 12:27 PM

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“ I remember Georgia as such a gracious, intelligent lady. My husband and I would greet her and her husband on Sundays at the Crackerbarrel restaurant on Southport Rd. She had the most beautiful smile and we always enjoyed our conversations. Did see her a few times at Magnolia Springs when visiting other residents there. My sincere condolences to the family. She was indeed a very special person who touched many lives. Blessings, Charlotte Bauer

Charlotte Bauer - January 05, 2021 at 09:18 AM