



Mrs. Olga Ina Green

September 12, 1942 - July 2, 2018

Olga Ina Heyman was born with Cerebral Palsy on Saturday, September 12, 1942, the only child born to parents Abraham and Helen Heyman of 137 Grumman Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. Sometime during the 1950's, her parents relocated to Holly Hill, Florida and resided at 1655 Ridge Avenue. During the early 1960's, Olga graduated with honors from the Seabreeze Private School in Daytona Beach, Florida. She later attended Daytona Beach Junior College prior to being accepted at Stetson University-Deland, Florida. Olga refused to allow her palsied disability to deter her from pursuing her ambitions and quest for independence and to be accepted and treated as any normal person.

On Sunday, May 29, 1966, Olga received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Journalism from the Branch Campus of Stetson University in Deland, Florida. The Graduation Ceremony was held at the First Baptist Church in Deland, Florida at 2:30 PM. A Graduation Reception was held in Olga's honor at the Temple Beth El located at 507 5th Avenue in Daytona Beach, Florida, on Friday night, June 3, 1966.

In 1967, Olga served as corresponding secretary for the Volusia-Flagler Association for Retarded Children in Daytona Beach. That same year, she was employed at the Happy Corner School for Retarded Children in Daytona Beach as an assistant Speech Instructor.

On July 16, 1967, Olga Heyman received an "Honorary Citizenship Award" in addition to the official "City of Daytona Beach Gold Key." They were presented

to her by Honorable Mayor J. Owen Eubank. Other honors soon followed. On July 26, 1967, Olga was selected as one of ten Americans with Cerebral Palsy to travel to Stockholm, Sweden for a three week seminar and workshop beginning July 30th, regarding Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation related issues. The trip was sponsored by the Swedish National Association for Cerebral Palsied Children in Stockholm, Sweden. Upon returning from her trip to Sweden in mid-August, she was asked by a member of the Cerebral Palsy Association about any difficulties she encountered related to flying. Olga responded, "Flying is easier than catching a local bus."

In 1971, Ms. Heyman was promoted to the position of lead teacher for the Pathway School for Adults in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Some during the early to mid-70's, Olga relocated to Tallahassee, Florida. While here she practiced her Jewish faith by uniting with the Temple Israel Synagogue (Reform) under the leadership of Rabbi Stanley J. Garfein. She was a dedicated and faithful member until health issues prevailed some years later. It was also during this period that Olga found employment with Goodwill Industries. While employed at Goodwill, she met a gentleman that captured her eye and who would later become her husband.

On the evening of Saturday, October 1, 1977, Olga Ina Heyman was joined in Holy Matrimony to Mr. Reese Ted Green at Temple Israel, Tallahassee, Florida at 8:00 PM. The wedding ceremony was officiated by Rabbi Stanley J. Garfein. They remained happily married for seven years up until Mr. Green's untimely death in 1984.

In 1977, Mrs. Green was employed by the State of Florida's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. She was employed as a Staff Trainer for the department. Olga conducted staff training and workshops all over the State of Florida while driving herself in her own specialized handicap van. She also facilitated staff trainings at the old Sunland Hospital here in Tallahassee. On January 30, 1986, Olga became a homeowner. Through her contractor, the home at 2780 Red Maple Ridge (Blairstone Forest neighborhood) was built to her specifications with conveniences that catered to her physical

needs.

Olga worked tirelessly for the department for 23 years prior to her retirement from public service in 2000 at the age of 58 due to health reasons.

On Monday, July 2, 2018, at 9:15 PM, Mrs. Green passed away peacefully at Tallahassee's Capital Regional Medical Center.

She leaves to cherish her memory and legacy the following people: Carl McBride (Caregiver and Devoted Friend), Althea Mitchell (Longtime Friend and Former Caregiver), Julie Stoff (Step-daughter) and her husband, Mark, Patty Crowell (Stepdaughter-in-law), and Jeremy Green (Step-grandson).

A personal Thank You is extended to the following people: Mr. Eliot Rosenberg (Friend and Financial Advisor), Ms. Lonnie (Personal Care Aide); Ms. Kim Baxley, Brian and Teresa Davis, Cainon and KiKi Gregg (Caring Neighbors); the Staff at HealthSouth Rehab Hospital and Centre Pointe Nursing and Rehab. A special Thank You to the 4th Floor ICU Staff at Capital Regional Medical Center, Dr. Moradi, Johanna, Louis and Rebecca (Nurses); Phillip (Speech Therapist); as well as others within the ICU unit.

A final Thank You is extended to Rabbi Stanley J. Garfein and Mr. Rocky L. Ezell (Abbey Funeral Home), for your services during this difficult and solemn period.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Service

JUL 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Olga and I both lived in Ormond Beach (she on the river side and I on the beach side) in the sixties and we worked together at Happy Corner School and later at the Developmental Services Program (now the Agency for Persons with Disabilities). We were friends and I will always remember her to be helpful and gracious. She was an example of how much a person with a disability can achieve with support and determination. I do not recall the occasion but staff of the Developmental Services Program had the opportunity to demonstrate their skill in driving the scooter Olga used to get around in the office. Needless to say, she rode circles around them!

Kathy Winn - July 16, 2018 at 05:06 PM

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“ Olga was part of the family for what has become the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Back in the day, you could see her rolling through the halls with her grocery cart filled with mail and many projects she had going on. Condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in peace, free at last to run and jump and dance.

Barbara Brabham - July 12, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Olga Ina Green.



July 11, 2018 at 08:08 PM