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## Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Notorious RBG

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As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment pertaining to voting rights for women, we also mourn a Justice who fought against gender discrimination and adversity to sit on the Supreme Court.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. She assumed office in August 10, 1993 and served on the court until her death on September 18, 2020. Bader Ginsburg was nominated to the Court by President Bill Clinton (D). She was the second of four women to sit on the Court at the time of her death. President Bill Clinton (D) nominated Ginsburg as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States on June 22, 1993.

During her confirmation hearing she answered questions relating to issues, affirming her belief in a constitutional right to privacy, and explaining at some length her personal philosophy and thoughts regarding equality between men and women. The U.S. Senate confirmed Ginsburg by a 96-3 vote.

Ginsburg began her legal career in academia. She taught at Rutgers University Law School and Columbia Law School, in addition to directing the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. In 1980, she was nominated by President Jimmy Carter (D) and confirmed to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

She served on that court from 1980 to 1993.

Ginsburg received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University. In 1954, she enrolled at Harvard Law School. When her husband took a job in New York City, she transferred to Columbia Law School. She served on the Harvard and Columbia law reviews. She earned her LL.B. degree at Columbia in 1959.



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Here are a few RBG quotes to inspire you during these challenging times.

1. "Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."
2. "So often in life, things that you regard as an impediment turn out to be great, good fortune."
3. "Reacting in anger or annoyance will not advance one's ability to persuade."
4. "When a thoughtless or unkind word is spoken, best tune out."
5. "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."
6. "You can't have it all, all at once."
7. "I'm a very strong believer in listening and learning from others."
8. "In the course of a marriage, one accommodates the other."
9. "In every good marriage, it helps sometimes to be a little deaf."
10. "A gender line ... helps to keep women not on a pedestal, but in a cage."
11. "If you want to be a true professional, do something outside yourself."
12. "Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true."
13. "Don't be distracted by emotions like anger, envy, resentment. These just zap energy and waste time."
14. "You can disagree without being disagreeable."
15. "If you have a caring life partner, you help the other person when that person needs it. I had a life partner who thought my work was as important as his, and I think that made all the difference for me."
16. "Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception."
17. "I would like to be remembered as someone who used whatever talent she had to do her work to the very best of her ability."



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