

LUCIA M. CIPOLLONI, 1918 – 2018



GroundSwell has learned of the passing of long time Geogist Lucia "Lu" Cipolloni in an email from Mike Curtis of Arden, DE, who wrote that Lu's niece asked him to let the Geogists know. Lu was born in Philadelphia January 28, 1918 and died peacefully in her sleep in Philadelphia February 12, 2018. Mike emailed that he thinks George Collins, Richard Biddle, and himself (all former education directors of the Henry George School in Philadelphia) were the sons she never had. Lu and her sister Josephine first heard about the Henry George philosophy and thesis in 1937.

Richard Biddle posted in Memories on the Philadelphia Cremation Society funeral home website: Lu had been the Secretary and the Registrar of the Henry George School since 1937 and was active in its management and oversight with its many directors and volunteers until recently. Lu's sister, Josephine Cipolloni Jasner with whom she lived and her late sister Betty also worked at the Henry George School Birthplace Museum for years. Rich continues: Lu was the most wonderful and dedicated fellow Geogist and remarkable human being. We loved her and will miss her forever and a day.

On Lu's Facebook page, Sue Walton, Council of Geogist Organizations administrator, posted: Lu was the first lady of Geogism. I will always remember our chicken of the sea lunch in Santa Domingo in 1992. She and Josephine ordered chicken sandwiches and got tuna. Lu will be greatly missed.

Dan Sullivan posted. Lu was the common thread who held the Henry George School of Philadelphia together. She was amazingly devoted to the school and actually embarrassed by recognition for all her work behind the scenes.

Frank M. Ortiz posted: OMG. RIP Lu. You'll be missed.

Celebrating Lu's 100th birthday with her were Debbie Jasner Posmontier and Katie Favin Palamer,

Wishing Aunt Lu happy birthday on her 100th birthday were Jesse Posmontier and Hanna Senderovic Russo.

Wishing Cousin Lu happy birthday were Nancy DiPietro Scelso, Diane Marchisello, and Robin L. Balfour-Austin,

Alex Posmontier wished RIP to Great Aunt Lu.

In a booklet, *In the Footsteps of Henry George - the Philadelphia Story*, prepared for distribution at the 2005 Council of Geogist Organizations conference in Philadelphia in 2005, Ed Dodson wrote:

"In terms of life-long service, Lu Cipolloni has few equals. She completed her Henry George course work in 1937, and has since then served as registrar, provided administrative support and, when called upon, taught classes, under eight different extension directors." (http://earthsharing.org/library/dodson-edward_in-the-footsteps-of-henry-george-the-philadelphia-geogist-story-2005/)

Services and interment were private. Lu's Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/lucia.cipolloni.5>. She was a graduate of Olney High School in Philadelphia. The funeral home page (access through Google) is http://www.obits.org/memorials/5729-lucia-m-cipolloni/life_story
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