

# Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Dies at 87

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died today at age 87. According to a statement from the Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg died at her Washington D.C. home due to complications of metastatic pancreas cancer.

Ginsburg served more than 27 years on the court. President Bill Clinton appointed her back in 1993. She was the second woman appointed to the court.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. said of Justice Ginsburg: "Our Nation has lost a jurist of historic stature. We at the Supreme Court have lost a cherished colleague. Today we mourn, but with confidence that future generations will remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg as we knew her -- a tireless and resolute champion of justice."

Born in Brooklyn, she attended Cornell University, Harvard Law School, and Columbia Law School.

Ginsburg was a professor of law at Rutgers and Columbia and helped launch the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union

She was appointed a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1980.

Ginsburg was a staunch liberal and a pop culture icon. Ginsburg battled colon cancer in 1999 and pancreatic cancer in 2009. Last May she announced that the cancer had returned but said she had no plan to retire.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin David Ginsburg in 2010.

She is survived by her two children: Jane Carol Ginsburg (George Spera) and James Steven Ginsburg (Patrice Michaels), four grandchildren: Paul Spera (Francesca Toich), Clara Spera (Rory Boyd), Miranda Ginsburg, Abigail Ginsburg, two step-grandchildren: Harjinder Bedi, Satinder Bedi, and one great-grandchild: Lucrezia Spera.

Today, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) released the following statement on the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg:

"This is a painful and devastating loss for our country. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an American hero, pioneer, and an inspiration to all. Our nation is so much better because of her courage and tireless fight for equality. We have a duty to protect her legacy on the Supreme Court."

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