

Low Key Women's Lib

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In June 1920, when she was born in Indiana, women in that state did not have full voting privileges.

Later that year with ratification of the 19th Amendment, women were granted the right to vote in a Presidential election.

One year earlier 35 states had ratified this Amendment. The necessary 36th, turned out to be that of the State of Tennessee, where after a tie 45-45 vote, a later vote had the youngest legislator, 24 year old Harry Burn, as a result of a call from his Mom, switched to a Yea vote. In that recorded vote, we must consider the largely ignored low key women, their impact on their sons and history.

In 1920, these quiet leaders, provide that voice that led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Lost to the footnote of History, Mom's name, whose concern, will and gentle prod caused of this final approval of the 19th Amendment

One of these gentle women, Ann Cvaniga, celebrated a 100th birthday on June 5 2010 at St Francis Towers in West Denver, her home the last three years.



**In attendance were friends from Windsor Garden,
including Kay Mauser and myself.**

**In this photograph Ann
appear much younger than most of her visitors.
Ann belies her age.**

**With youth vigor she greeted her well wishers,
tirelessly wearing this 100 year old ageless smile.**

**For twenty five years Ann resided at 705 S Alton Way, unit 12D, in
Windsor Garden, resting from earlier years of world travels.**

**She had participated in everything
in her life, on a epic and gracious scale,
subduing voices, and adding to a tranquility all seeks.
She made a difference, through gentility.**

Ann moved from Windsor Garden in 2007.

**For a number of years while living in Windsor Garden, Ann
contributed articles for a 4,000 copy Queen of Peace OUR LADY,
a 11"x 17" quarterly publication. Her articles, regardless of subject,
never required re-write or any adjustment.
And they were always submitted way before deadline.**

**That was how we met, and I am pleased to have had
this gracious woman call me friend.**