

A Tribute to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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Ruth Bader Ginsburg is an inspiration to me. Her voice and persona were the embodiment of strength and goodness in everything she did and accomplished. She was a bold, brilliant, and successful woman who always cared about people and stood up for those who didn't have a voice. It is because of her that I try to help my peers when they need help especially in reading and writing.

Justice Ginsburg suffered many tragedies in her life. She lost her mother to cancer two days before her high school graduation. She was devastated, but she didn't let her devastation overcome her strength. It is because of this that made her the brave person she was. She went on to graduate at the top of her class from Columbia University where she fought gender-based discrimination during her time there. She was rejected after law school for a supreme court clerkship because she was a female, so she initiated her legal career as a law professor and a pioneering advocate for women's legal rights. Ms. Ginsburg was a large supporter of women's rights and opposed discrimination in all forms, making her an inspiration to everyone around the world. It was President Carter who first appointed her to be a federal judge. Later, in 1993, President Clinton appointed her to the Supreme Court, making her the second woman Justice.

Ms. Ginsburg was turned down and discriminated against because of her gender. She was knocked down, many times and had a rough life. But she didn't stay on the ground. No. . . she got right back up and proved herself and her work as important. She continued her legacy, showing them that no matter how many times they knocked her down, she would get back up and continue to pursue her destiny and dreams. That, to me, is a very important and inspiring life lesson. Ruth Bader Ginsburg always held her head high and proud.

One of my favorite quotes from Justice Ginsburg that resonates with me is, "My mother told me to be your own person. Be independent." I like this quote because everyone should be independent and be their own person. No two people are alike. I think that if everyone were to be exactly alike, the world would be boring. I also think that she meant for you to not be afraid of who you are, to stand up for yourself, to be proud and not let anyone tell you any different.

Justice Ginsburg is an inspiration to me, as a young girl because she fought for the equality of women (and men) and she conveyed that anything is possible. She was petite,

introspective, yet fiercely determined to make herself heard. It is wonderful to know that today women and men are treated with more respect and expectation and are living in a better world because of her. Even though the Supreme Court's most notable Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg is gone, her legacy will forever live on. She will continue to inspire young girls like me for years to come.