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Lillian Urshansky-Light

LIGHT AND SERVICE

Lillian Urshansky-Light's life was about service. In 1943, at the age of 21, she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps (WACs) because she did not have brothers to join the military and fight in World War II. The following year, she crossed the Pacific Ocean in a troop ship and was one of the first ten WACs to land on Leyte Island in the Philippines, where she served under General Douglas MacArthur. When the war was over, she returned to her native New York, graduated from Columbia University, worked for the Brooklyn District Attorney, married, and became a public high school teacher, finding great satisfaction in enriching the lives of her students. She retired to Florida, and passed away at the age of 90. Lillian's service to her country was always important, and she helped fund the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. Lillian designated a portion of her estate to support vision research at Bascom Palmer. In recognition of her generosity, the cornea waiting area at Bascom Palmer in Miami will be named in her honor.

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