

STASIA V. HAYMAN
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Memories of Stasia V. Hayman are rich indeed. She was much valued for her warmth and her searching directness, as well as for her faith in human relations.

A remarkable woman, Stasia Hayman became a lawyer when women lawyers were a rarity. At the University of Chicago Law School she graduated with honors. As a lawyer for the General Accounting Office she fought against fraud and abuse of public funds.

An undaunted pacifist, she could not forgo writing a treatise on peace, "World Federation as a Basis for Peace" in 1942, while World War II was raging. As recently as 1987 she was still publishing a crisp letter to the editor in the Washington Post on the advantages of peace.

Ever the fighter against injustice, Stasia always defended the underdog and fought against unjust practices. One battle she took all the way to the Supreme Court. When the underdog was her nephew, flunked by a heartless teacher, Stasia came to his defense with her usual intelligence and vigor. She had the boy tested by the Educational Testing Service. With the boy's scores far higher than his grade level, the principal was forced to pass the young man, who still cherishes the gift of self-esteem given him by his Aunt Stasia.

In the past, Stasia quoted Tennyson, "May there be no sadness of farewell when I embark." Instead of sadness on our loss, there is remembrance of her warmth, her dauntless faith and her humanity.