

DEATH OF MRS. BRENNAN
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1982

Present: CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER, JUSTICE BRENNAN, JUSTICE WHITE, JUSTICE MARSHALL, JUSTICE BLACKMUN, JUSTICE POWELL, JUSTICE REHNQUIST, JUSTICE STEVENS, and JUSTICE O'CONNOR.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

Last Wednesday, Marjorie Leonard Brennan, wife of JUSTICE BRENNAN, died, after a long and courageous struggle with illness. What marked her in a very special way that all who knew her admired, was her shining spirit and uncomplaining attitude. No one can really know what that kind of courage, in the face of long illness, calls for, but she inspired the love and admiration of all who knew her. Especially those of us who saw her frequently, marvelled at her courage and cheerfulness.

The light of her spirit will be sorely missed, not only by her family, but all those who, over the years, witnessed her quiet strength, her smile, her determination to carry on with life and live it to its fullest. Marjorie Brennan truly lived her life to the fullest against great odds.

As a mark of our sorrow, and of our affection for her, and for our Brother JUSTICE BRENNAN and his family, and our deep and lasting affection for Marjorie Brennan, the Journal of the Court will record that adjournment of this Court today is in honor of her life, and her memory.

