

written books and articles about her recurring bouts with cancer, died of pancreatic cancer June 6 at the Washington Home Hospice.

Mrs. Spingarn, who initially was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 1974, was a leader in the cancer survivorship movement, a writer on health care policy and a patients' advocate with cancer patient support organizations.

Her writings included a 1988 "Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights," "Hanging in There: Living Well on Borrowed Time" and "The New Cancer Survivors: Living With Grace, Fighting With Spirit," which was published by John Hopkins University Press last year.

"The biopsy is positive. You have cancer," she wrote in "The New Cancer Survivors," commencing her account of the experience shared by an estimated 8.2 million Americans who have a history of cancer.

"Spingarn distills the diversity of the cancer survivor experience, finding the commonality among them," wrote Frances M. Cisco, a 12-year survivor of breast cancer and the president of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, in an April 18 review of Mrs. Spingarn's book published in *The Washington Post*. "With compassion, insight and occasional humor, Spingarn pulls the reader into the world of what she terms 'the new breed of cancer survivors.' These are not passion victims but confident individuals, ready to speak up to seek out what they need to lead quality lives."

Mrs. Spingarn, a former staff assistant to Abraham A. Ribicoff, both during his tenure as secretary of health, education and welfare and as a Democratic senator from Connecticut, was an officer of the War on Poverty in the late 1960's and early 1970's. She was also a freelance writer who had written articles for *The Washington Post* and other organizations.

She was active in Democratic Party politics and had been a D.C. delegate to two Democratic National Conventions. During the 1968 presidential campaign of Hubert H. Humphrey, she traveled with the vice president as a speech writer.

Mrs. Spingarn, a resident of Washington, was born in New York and graduated from Vassar College. She began her professional career as a reporter on the New York newspaper *PM* shortly after college, then came to Washington with her husband after World War II.

She joined Ribicoff as his executive assistant at HEW in 1961 and remained with him after his 1962 election to the Senate. In 1967, she returned to HEW as assistant director for communications and training at the center for community planning, which was established to coordinate urban efforts in the War on Poverty. She remained on that job through the early 1970s. Later, she was a public affairs assistant at the Department of Education and a D.C. General Hospital commissioner. She was a White House volunteer in the Clinton administration.

In the years after her breast cancer was diagnosed in 1974, Mrs. Spingarn wrote increasingly about issues related to cancer treatment and care. She reviewed several books on health care for the Health section of *The Washington Post*, and she wrote first-person accounts about her own treatment and care.

She had a family history replete with cancer. Her grandmother died of cancer. Both her sisters had breast cancer, and one died of pancreatic cancer. A son survived a bout with lymphoma.

In 1977 and 1979, Mrs. Spingarn experienced new diagnoses of cancer.

"In my work, I write usually about health policy matters. . . . In my life I am a patient, a role which takes time—too much time," she wrote in *The Washington Post* in 1980. "I am living still in my Washington hospital bed. . . . A nurse comes in to check on me. . . . 'What's the matter with you?' she wants to know . . . my disease seems to her my fault. She makes no move toward me, even to inquire if I need anything, and observes that I should have talked to the doctor about avoiding its spread . . ."

In 1981, she wrote about her search for a holistic means of dealing with cancer. "I had flirted with the idea that my emotions might affect my cancer pain during a period a few years ago when I suffered especially nagging backaches. I had discarded clumsy back brace, which made me sweat and my clothes balloon. Doctors and a pain clinic had only given me more pills . . . the latest had made my hands tremble."

In the ensuing years, Mrs. Spingarn would write of needs for long-term care and increased mental health services for cancer patients, rules and regulations that often appeared to be contradictory and cause unnecessary hardship, and waste, fraud and inefficiency that many patients routinely encounter.

She won an award at the John Muir Medical Film Festival for a film, "Patients and Doctors: Communication Is a Two-Way Street," and she served on the boards of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship and the International Alliance of Patient Organizations.

Survivors include her husband, Jerome Spingarn of Washington; two sons, Jonathan Spingarn of Atlanta and Jeremy Spingarn of Norwood, Mass.; a brother; a sister; and two grandchildren.

THE SINDTS' 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. Individuals from strong families contribute to the society. It is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Merrill and Barbara Sindt of Jefferson City, Missouri, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. The Sindts' commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized.●

SOUTH CAROLINA PEACHES

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise to recognize South Carolina's peach farmers for their hard work and their delicious peaches.

Today, peaches from my home State have been delivered to offices throughout the Senate and the U.S. Capitol. Thanks to South Carolina's peach farmers, those of us here in Wash-

ington will be able to cool off from the summer heat with delicious peaches.

For a relatively small State, South Carolina is second in the Nation in peach production. In fact, this year farmers across my State planted more than 16,000 acres of peaches. As my colleagues can attest, these are some of the finest peaches produced anywhere in the United States.

As we savor the taste of these peaches, we should remember the work and labor that goes into producing such a delicious fruit. While Americans enjoy peaches for appetizers, entrees and desserts, most do not stop to consider where they come from. Farmers will be laboring all summer in the heat and humidity to bring us what we call the "perfect candy." What else curbs a sweet tooth, is delicious, nutritious and satisfying, but not fattening?

The truth is, Mr. President, our farmers as too often the forgotten workers in our country. Through their dedication and commitment, our nation is able to enjoy a wonderful selection of fresh fruit, vegetables and other foods. In fact, our agricultural system, at times, is the envy of the world.

Mr. President, as Senators and their staff feast on these delicious peaches, I hope they will remember the people in South Carolina who made this endeavor possible: The South Carolina Peach Council, David Winkles and the entire South Carolina Farm Bureau. They have all worked extremely hard to ensure that the U.S. Senate gets a taste of South Carolina.

I am sure everyone in our Nation's Capitol will be smiling as they enjoy these delicious South Carolina peaches.●

RECOGNITION OF THE DESTINATION IN IMAGINATION TEAM FROM PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

● Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, it is not often that over 8,000 kids from all over the world are brought together to celebrate their creativity and problem solving skills, but thanks to a program called Destination ImagiNation, it became a reality in May of this year when Destination ImagiNation held their Global Finals at Iowa State University. A five-student team from Pioneer Middle School in Wenatchee, Washington were able to participate in the D2K finals and were a great success when they finished fourth in the "Instant PUDDING Improv" category.

Destination ImagiNation is a nonprofit corporation that offers young people a chance to participate in a global, youth-centered, creative problem solving program. The Destination ImagiNation program has two components: "Instant Challenges" that teach students to take what life is handing them moment to moment and requires them to solve a challenge on the spot; "Team Challenges" use art, technology, performance, and real world