

In Memoriam: Evelyn Boyd Granville, 1924-2023

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ABSTRACT (ENGLISH)

After serving on the faculty at Fisk University in Nashville, in 1956 Dr. Granville was hired by IBM Corporation and was assigned to work on a contract for NASA. Dr. Granville wrote programs to track orbital trajectories and calculations to ensure the safe re-entry of space vehicles into the atmosphere. She later taught at California State University and the University of Texas at Tyler.

FULL TEXT

Evelyn Boyd Granville, a research scientist, educator, and a major contributor to the United States space program, died at her home in Silver Springs, Maryland. She was 99 years old.

A native of Washington, D.C., Dr. Granville was a graduate of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, where she majored in physics and mathematics. She went on to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics at Yale University.

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In 1967, Dr. Granville joined the faculty at California State University, Los Angeles as a full professor of mathematics. She taught there for 17 years. Later, she took an endowed professorship position at the University of Texas at Tyler.

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