



Rachel Carson

May 27, 1907 - April 14, 1964

Died: Silver Spring, Maryland

Interment: Parklawn Memorial Park, Rockville, Maryland

Rachel Carson died in Silver Spring, Maryland, on April 14, 1964, of breast cancer she had kept mostly to herself while *Silent Spring* was being attacked as hysteria. She was fifty-six. Born in Springdale, Pennsylvania, on May 27, 1907, she grew up along the Allegheny, earned a master's in zoology at Johns Hopkins, and spent years at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service writing radio scripts and bulletins that taught a government how to speak plainly about the sea.

The *Sea Around Us* made her famous and financially free enough to leave the agency. *Silent Spring*, published in 1962, was something else: a careful indictment of indiscriminate pesticides, especially DDT, written so a general reader could follow a food chain to a thinning eggshell. The chemical industry hired scientists and publicists. She testified before Congress in a wig, already ill, and did not raise her voice. Under the *Sea-Wind*, her first book, had already shown the method: name the creature, then the current that carries it, then the human hand on the current.

She never married. She adopted her grandnephew Roger after her niece's death and wrote at a cottage in Southport, Maine, and in a Silver Spring house that was not on any tour. She asked to be remembered as a writer who had looked at the living world without ownership. The Fish and Wildlife Service years taught her to write for a microphone and a clerk at the same time; she never lost either audience.

A funeral was held in Washington. She is buried in Parklawn Memorial Park, Rockville, Maryland, beside her mother. Silver Spring was the last address, not a shrine.

Services

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