By Corrine Barr

Long time Greenpeace supporter, Rose L. Shure, was an extraordinary woman known as the microphone maven. She passed away last year at the age of 95. Her niece Barbara Levie remembers her aunt as strong woman. “Rose was a smart, savvy woman ahead of her time,” said Barbara.

Growing up poor in Dubuque, Iowa the middle child of Jewish immigrants from the Ukraine, Rose developed a strong regard for those less fortunate. Her parents fled oppression to build a better life in America, and although she and her family lived a simple life without material wealth, there was richness to her life. Her father worked tirelessly and provided for the family by buying and selling rags and scrap metal from a horse drawn cart. Her family shopped at farmer’s markets, and grew vegetables in the garden behind their home. This provided Rose with a connection to the land. While they didn’t have conveniences like indoor plumbing, her parents put great emphasis on education for their family. Through their examples of perseverance, Rose graduated as one of two valedictorians in her high school class, and worked to put herself through college at the University of Iowa.

She later moved to Chicago where she settled, and went to work at Shure, Inc. It was here that she met and married Sidney Shure the founder of the company renowned for their high quality and innovative audio electronics equipment. The company has a storied history that

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go back to the 1920s. They grew rapidly during World War II when they were a key microphone supplier to the US military. They had to meet strict quality standards for their audio equipment that contributed to the war effort. After the war, the Shures continued their commitment to high quality and an equally high standard of ethics in their company. “They cared deeply about their employees, and didn’t tolerate discrimination in any form,” Barbara said. Rose continued to run the company after Sidney’s death in 1995. She was respected by staff for her commitment to corporate responsibility and her business skills that kept the company growing.

Shure products have been part of many historic moments— it was their microphone that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. used to give his “I Have a Dream” speech that continues to inspire millions. As their success grew, the Shures stayed true to their political values even as they saw wealth change the political views of others. Rose realized the importance of basic needs such as clean air and water for both the planet and the people. Rose had a deep love for her home town of Chicago, even braving the harsh winters to live there year-round. She was able to take in the breathtaking vastness of Lake Michigan from a window in her home, which served to grow her great appreciation of the public lands that surrounded the area year after year. From her upbringing through her life’s career, Rose was steadfast in her belief that these magnificent lands should belong to everyone to enjoy. Ms. Shure loved the arts and was a patron of the opera and theater in her beloved Chicago. She was a generous supporter of a great many institutions in that city. But it was her more than 30 years of support of Greenpeace that expressed her great concern for the protection of the environment. Rose’s legacy now lives on in her generous gift in her estate plans that will continue to support the many victories that Greenpeace will continue to forge for the Earth.

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