

Cece died on May 25, 2017, of ovarian cancer at her home in Florence, Massachusetts, with her wife Astrid Lindstrom, Class of '74, at her side.

After graduating from Mount Holyoke, Cece earned a Master of Arts in Divinity at Yale and worked briefly as an assistant minister in Washington, D.C., until she became so disillusioned with the role of women in the church that she joined the Federal Government, working at first for the Community Action Program. She married Stuart Scott and had two children, Heather and Jeffrey. In 1976, she began work with the Environmental Protection Agency, and in 1981 she was hired to manage the Federal Women's Program.

During this time of working to empower women, Cece came out as a lesbian and went to Smith College to earn a Master's in Social Work to prepare for her third and final career as a psychotherapist. She married Astrid at Abbey Chapel in 2009. Cece sang in the Hampshire Choral Society and helped organize Mount Holyoke class reunions, decorating with brightly colored gerbera daisies and baking coffee cake for breakfast.

Cece's memorial service was in June at Abbey Chapel, after which her wife, children, grandchildren, and niece scattered her ashes in Cece's favorite vacation spot, Ogunquit, Maine.

Astrid Lindstrom
MHC Class of 1974