

Francine Collignon Zobian

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Francine Collignon Zobian joined our class as an exchange scholar from France. She died January 19, 2014 in Paris.

Susannah Harris-Wilson wrote the following tribute:

Francine married and had two children. After her divorce, she bravely set out to support herself and her children. She acquired degrees at The University of Pennsylvania, then taught French in a tough primary school in Philadelphia during the mornings and worked with a local stock brokerage firm in the afternoons, eventually becoming a senior financial consultant with PNC Bank. Francine came from a highly cultured Parisian family. Her grandfather, Alphonse Leon Quizet, had taught the artist Maurice Utrillo. Francine loved Mount Holyoke and we attended our 40th reunion together. Her constant care of others during her life should be a testimonial to the bright courage her own inheritance, both familial and educational, left her. She is survived by son Stewart, daughter Catherine Darracq (darracqc@gmail.com) and two grandchildren.