

Carlyn Lehman Querbach

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A resident of Windsor since 1966 and an assistant professor in the Dept of Classical Studies at the University of Windsor, Ontario, Carlyn (Carly) passed away on October 19, 1977 at Metropolitan General Hospital in Windsor, Ontario after a three-year battle with breast cancer during which she underwent seven surgeries. While her life was sadly cut short at age 38 she had both a happy marriage and a successful teaching career.

After Mount Holyoke, Carlyn went on to earn an MA in classical studies and was working on a Ph.D. from University of Michigan. While at Michigan she met and married a fellow graduate student, Carl Querbach. In 1966, Carly and Carl accepted teaching positions in the Classics Department at the University of Windsor. Their marriage produced four children (Eric, Rolf, Kristen, Alexandre), all of whom are Canadian citizens and have had successful marriages and careers. Carly's cancer was discovered during her fourth pregnancy. Carl noted that Carly was a wonderful mother both before and after her courageous cancer struggle and that her students at the University of Windsor were very fond of her. Carl expressed regret that their children, especially the two younger ones, never got to know their mother very well. Eric's oldest daughter is Grace Carlyn Querbach.

Dee deFerranti Abrahamse shares her memories: "Carlyn was a Classics graduate student at Michigan when I was there, and we had several classes together. She was living at home with her mother, for whom the word 'overprotective' would be an understatement. Carlyn was a very good classicist, and she enjoyed the camaraderie of a very friendly group of graduate students. She married a fellow graduate student, a Carl Querbach of Windsor, Ontario (leaving home somewhat romantically,) and I remember having dinner with them not too long afterwards. She had a passion for opera, as well as classics, and taught at the University of Windsor. I didn't keep in touch with her, and was sorry to hear about her death some years later."

This information was submitted by Dee deFerranti Abrahamse '61 and Sanderson Smith, a long-time friend of Carly's from Amherst.

