

In Memoriam - Cecilia MacDonald

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FROM: Kevin Quigley, Acting Director, School of Public Administration

It was with great sadness that we learned earlier today that Cecilia MacDonald passed away on Friday. Cecilia worked at Dalhousie University for over forty years, more than thirty of which were with the School of Public Administration. For several years Cecilia worked at our front desk and was the face of the School. She had a great affection for our students, as they did for her. At her retirement, she noted that she had had mixed feelings about leaving front reception years earlier to take on more administrative duties because she had felt she would have fewer opportunities to interact with our students. Cecilia was to the core a 'people person.'

As the years progressed she moved from being the 'face' of the School to the 'backbone.' She took on an enormous number of tasks, too many to enumerate. She was a highly respected member of our team. Her friendly disposition complimented her effective management style on many important issues. She also provided continuity, not just in terms of administration but in terms of the School's personality.

Outside of Dalhousie University, she was very active in her Church. She participated in numerous fundraisers, volunteered in the summer at a camp for children and delighted playing a part in the Church's annual theatre.

Cecilia leaves two children, Michelle and Daniel, and three grandchildren, Noah, Anna and Bekah.

No visitation by request. A Holy Eucharist Service of Remembrance and Celebration of Life will take place in Emmanuel Anglican Church, 322 Herring Cove Road, on Tuesday 24th, at 2 pm, followed by a reception. Cecilia's obituary can be found in today's Chronicle Herald.