



## JOYCE SCHAFFER

May 26, 1944 - February 17, 2012

Joyce Lynn Schaffer Born May 26, 1944 in Newark, NJ to Frances and Maurice Schaffer. A graduate of West Essex High School in 1962 and Montclair State University in 1967 with a B.A. in English and Minor in Latin. While at MSU she was the copy editor for the Montclarion, a member of Alpha Chi Beta Sorority, a representative to the Inter-Sorority Council and an advisor to the Inter-Methodist Youth Fellowship. She received a Masters Degree in Library Sciences from Pratt Institute in 1973. Following graduation from MSU, Ms. Schaffer taught English and Latin at Passaic High School and was the advisor to their Latin Club. In 1968 she joined the teaching staff at West Morris High School and became the advisor to the West Morris Equestrian Club. In 1971 Ms. Schaffer began her long career at MSU and remained at the university for the past forty-one years. At the time of her death, she was Documents Librarian in Government Documents Department at Harry A. Sprague Library. While there, she was the President of the NJ Government Document Association. She also served on the Online Catalog Project Team, the Women's Study Committee and the Library Building Committee. She was the Library liaison to the department of Earth and Environmental Studies and Chemistry and Biochemistry, the Women and Gender Studies Program, and the Women's Center. She served on the Advisory Board of the Women and Gender Study Program for several years. Ms. Schaffer was considered a Proof Reader Par Excellence of the first three University Authors booklets in 2009. Other interests outside of work included gardening, and music. She was an avid equestrian and an accomplished musician on the piano, the saxophone, the violin, and the clarinet. Joyce is survived by her sisters: Virginia Schaffer Block of Upper Montclair, NJ; Shirl Schaffer-Lit of Denver, CO; Elizabeth Reed of Monroe, CT; and Kathleen Schaffer of Manchester, NJ In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Strengthen Our Sisters Shelter for Homeless Battered Women P.O. Box UHewitt, NJ 07421 Phone: 973.728.2506 Tax Exempt # 222858735 Harry A. Sprague Library Attn: Dr. Judith Hunt Montclair State University 1 Normal Avenue Montclair, NJ 07043

# Comments

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“ Joyce, you will be sorely missed by your neighbors. She was our next door neighbor for 12 years and I treasured our catch-up talks outside in the yard between our houses...discussing the day lillies, black-eyed susans, ferns, all her gorgeous hostas, and future plant plans. It will be very different and the silence coming from next door is utterly deafening. Godspeed and God Bless, my friend. I ask publicly one final time "have you seen Joyce lately?"

**Sandra Parisi Edwards** - March 01, 2012 at 12:32 PM

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“ I can see Joyce in my mind's eye, surrounded by piles of government documents of an amazing variety, always making the time (over the decades) to answer the most naive of my questions, keeping up with the rapid shifts in what governments made available, and how to find a way through them. My deepest sympathy to her family.

**Laura Kramer** - February 29, 2012 at 06:30 PM

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“ Joyce L. Shaffer was a wonderful colleague who helped me search for government documents and statistical data. She came to several of my classes to teach us how to go about searching for data in the most efficient manner. I loved her smile, her kindness and good nature. I will miss you very much dear Joyce.

**Susana** - February 28, 2012 at 12:19 PM

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“ Joyce's generous, caring nature calmed anxiety and negative feelings wherever she went. She also had a knack for locating the almost invisible line between what was possible and what was impossible. After that she would help make the possible real by volunteering her own time.

**Susan Hussein** - February 28, 2012 at 10:59 AM

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“ Joyce was a wonderful colleague who helped me greatly when I was Director of the Women's Studies Program at Montclair State. I remember so well her leadership role in helping to develop a governance document for the Women's Studies Minor Program. She was not only thorough and generous with her time, but also had the foresight to understand that the Program would be evolving over time and that we needed to account for that in the document. Indeed, Joyce was correct. The Women's Studies minor eventually became the Women's and Gender Studies Major and Joyce was there at every step of the way with her deep caring for social issues and always insightful comments. I am so sorry about her passing. She remains in my heart.

**Linda Gould Levine** - February 28, 2012 at 09:33 AM

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“ I worked with Joyce at Montclair State University. She was a central part of the Women and Gender Studies' advisory board and a wonderful colleague. I am so sad to hear of her passing, she will be missed greatly.

**Yasemin Besen Cassino** - February 28, 2012 at 08:08 AM

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“ Joyce was a dedicated member of the Women and Gender Studies Program's Faculty and Staff Advisory Board. Her service to the program will be remembered and her presence missed.  
From: Fawzia Afzal-Khan, Director of Women and Gender Studies at Montclair State University, on behalf of the Advisory Board

**Fawzia Afzal-Khan** - February 27, 2012 at 01:39 PM

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“ I have known Joyce as a colleague for over 30 years. Joyce was a genuinely fine caring human being, a meticulous and dedication worker, and an esteemed colleague. Her presence, her beautiful smile and her contributions will be missed by all of us. It's hard to believe that she is gone.

**Marilyn Tayler** - February 27, 2012 at 12:05 PM

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“ For decades Joyce was very helpful to me in my research. She often continued searching for hard-to-find materials even after I stopped asking her! She was always cheerful and loved her library, where she was a true expert. I miss her already.

**Grover Furr** - February 27, 2012 at 11:04 AM

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“ A trusted colleague, a sweet smile, a pleasure to have known and worked with. I am so sorry to learn of this loss.

**Karen Goodman** - February 24, 2012 at 03:52 PM

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**Paul Nauer** - February 22, 2012 at 07:55 PM

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“ I mourn the loss of your sister Joyce with you. I worked with her for over 32 years and I will miss her greatly -- her commonsense, her generous nature and her unfailing support of those she worked with.

**Kathleen Hughes** - February 22, 2012 at 08:58 AM

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“ The librarians and staff of the Harry A. Sprague Library and the Montclair State University community offer our deepest condolences to Joyce's family. Joyce was a valued colleague and friend. She joined the Library in 1971 and held several positions, most recently as Government Documents Librarian. She will be greatly missed.

**Judith Lin Hunt, Dean of Library Services** - February 21, 2012 at 12:29 PM

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“ I was a colleague of Joyce since 1979 when I started working here at Sprague Library, Montclair State University. I am very sad at the loss of Joyce. May her memory be eternal.

**Eduardo Gil** - February 18, 2012 at 04:07 PM