

HELENE MYRA (FINKE) BORKE 1926 2014

Helene Borke died Feb. 2, 2014 at the Presbyterian Senior Center in Oakmont, PA. She was born April 11, 1926 in New York, NY. She was a long time member of the Pittsburgh chapter of Common Ground-USA. She attended Julia Richmond High School and graduated from New York University with a BA in Psychology. Dr. Borke pursued studies first at Ohio State University and then at the University of Chicago, where she received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology. Dr. Borke settled in Pittsburgh where she raised her family.

On the career side, Dr. Borke initially worked in clinical psychology but found she was more interested in teaching and research. She joined the faculty of Margaret Morrison College of Carnegie Mellon University as an Associate Professor in the Psychology Dept. She was able to extend her research to include a cross-cultural component when she accompanied her husband on his teaching Fulbright scholarship to Taiwan.

After making her mark in academia, she shifted her attention to the business world, working as a management consultant for the global consulting concern, Hay Associates.

After her youngest graduated from college, Dr. Borke once again shifted her focus and became a divorce and custody mentor for almost 20 years. When her oldest daughter, Louise, lived in Hong Kong, she took the opportunity to visit her and make the first of two trips to China. She also traveled extensively with her companion of over 20 years, Dr. Herbert Barry, both in the United States and overseas.

She is survived by her daughters, Louise and Susan Borke and grandchildren. Arrangements were made by Auer Cremation Services of Pennsylvania, Inc. Contributions may be made to the charity of your choosing or to Oxfam America, 226 Causeway Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02114. <<

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