

Obituary

Muriel Lee

2 June 1939–27 February 2004

Muriel Lee was a member of the editorial board of *Primary Health Care Research and Development* from 1999 to 2001. She took on the role of networking editor at the journal's inception and never failed to enthuse and facilitate researchers in primary care to produce short articles for the networking page. Muriel came to primary care research late in her career having been a research microbiologist and a secondary school teacher for a large part of her life. She was one of the founders of ResNet, the primary care research network for Buckinghamshire, which she co-ordinated from 1995 to 2000.

Having discovered the world of primary health care, Muriel became a much respected colleague. She rapidly understood the research priorities and the need to use networking as a way of developing research capacity in primary care, recognizing that it is a multidisciplinary activity drawing on a wide range of professional groups. A great strength was her ability to bring practitioners into research. Muriel became very well known locally, running workshops and organizing an annual conference as well as her journal work.

People who knew her will know that she was a remarkable woman, she was warm, funny, feisty but also professional in every way and a great supporter and facilitator. She faced cancer bravely and died peacefully in the Sue Ryder Hospice on 27 February 2004. We thank her warmly for her unceasing enthusiasm for the journal. We remember her with great affection, she will be sadly missed by primary care researchers and practitioners alike.

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