

Georgette Schneider Bailey

Jayne Kurzman remembers her college roommate and lifelong friend

“Many people will remember Georgette as a math major, who was close with Winifred Asprey, and was one of (if not the first) computer interns at Vassar. After graduation she pursued a career in what was still the fledgling computer industry, but left when she married and began assisting her husband in his insurance business. She had two children, Troy '06 and Tara. She returned to the IT world after her divorce.

When I told our friends about Georgette's death, I was struck by how everyone had the same memories of her. "Kind" and "sweet" were the words most frequently used, and more than a few remembered a special sparkle in her eyes. She was a good listener and a great friend.

The years, however, were not kind to Georgette. She suffered from an aggressive form of MS for some time and had a stroke earlier this year which left her quite disabled. I did manage to visit with her in Pittsburgh a couple of weeks before her death. She was clearly pleased to see me, but unable to communicate other than through those eyes and a very strong grip on my arm. I will miss her terribly but know that it is best that her suffering is over.”

As published in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*: Formerly of Upper St. Clair, PA, Georgette Schneider Bailey died on Saturday, August 13, 2011. Born in Pittsburgh, May 20, 1946, the daughter of the late George and Patricia Schneider. She was a graduate of Avon Lake High School and obtained her B.A. in mathematics from Vassar College. She worked for Burroughs Corp. in Detroit and New York before returning to Pittsburgh where she became manager for systems and programming at the Calgon division of Merck & Co. She was last employed by FedEx Ground as Information Tech. She was an active member and elder of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Her interests included square dancing, book groups and bridge. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Ste. 3, 1040 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219-6220.

