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IN MEMORIAM LYNN ANN HERTEL



Dr. Lynn Ann Hertel, 53, passed away on Saturday, 2 April 2005, in her home, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Dr. Eugene Hertel, Jr.; 2 children, Jessica, 22, and Justin, 17; her father, Charles Dierling of Beacon Falls, Connecticut; and her brother, Charles Dierling of Wilmington, North Carolina. Lynn was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, on 14 August 1951. She earned a degree as a registered nurse in Connecticut, and then she and Gene moved to Albuquerque in 1973, where she served as a staff nurse in the intensive care unit of Presbyterian Hospital from 1973 to 1979. She earned her B.S. from the University of New Mexico in 1982, with a major in Biology and a minor in Art. She then enrolled in the graduate program of the Department of Biology in 1983 and completed her M.S. degree in 1986 under the direction of Don Duszynski in the area of parasitology. Upon completion of her Master's degree, she began a nearly 20-yr collaboration with Sam Loker on a research program funded by the NIH. During this period as a Research Associate, she played a key role in organizing and designing many of the projects undertaken as part of this research program. In 1999, while continuing her research-related duties, she entered the Ph.D. program in our Department and was awarded her doctorate in 2004, with distinction. During her productive scientific career, Lynn authored or coauthored 22 scientific papers or book chapters and was a strong intellectual contributor to the NIH-funded projects that continue to support the Loker lab. She was also an accomplished artist; from 1982 to 2003 she produced 191 scientific drawings that appeared in 37 publications, including 8 different journals, 3 monographs, and 2 book chapters in collaboration with 45 dif-

ferent authors. She was a member of the American Society of Parasitologists, American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, American Microscopical Society, Southwestern Association of Parasitologists, and International Society for Developmental and Comparative Immunology, and she regularly presented original scientific papers at their annual meetings. She was a recognized expert on the parasites of sea urchins, the systematics of coccidian parasites of mammals, the biology of digenetic trematodes and freshwater snails, and the biology of snail-transmitted schistosome parasites that infect humans throughout much of the tropical regions of Africa, Asia, and South America. She was known for an utterly unflappable and nurturing demeanor and for her steady and persistent effort that paid off with surprising and novel scientific dividends. She was also a connoisseur of food and wine, a good skier, SCUBA diver, racquetball player, avid orchid gardener, and a devoted wife and mother. She had a happy, full, and complex life with the many people she shared it with. We are both proud to say that we had the opportunity to be a part of her life. Winston Churchill must have been thinking of someone like Lynn when he said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." That was Lynn Hertel.

Contributions to Dr. Hertel's memory can be made to the Department of Biology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131 (505-277-2496), where a graduate student award fund is being created in her memory.

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