

Obituary:

Evelyn M. Nelson



Born as Evelyn Merle Roden in 1943 at Hamilton, Ontario, Dr. Evelyn Nelson died on 1 August 1987 following several years of a courageous and carefully concealed struggle against cancer.

Her university career began with a number of years as a postdoctoral fellow and research associate at McMaster, after which she was appointed associate professor in 1978 and promoted to full professor in 1983.

She was a passionate academic of the highest standards and both a deeply devoted teacher and a profoundly committed research mathematician. She published some 40 papers in several areas of algebra, performed various important university tasks at McMaster, including chairing Computer Science for some years, and was active in committees of both the Canadian Mathematical Society and the American Mathematical Society.

Besides all this, she was an exemplary mother to her two daughters, a loyal friend to all who were close to her, and a warmly congenial hostess to her visitors. To all who knew her, her death came as a most grievous loss.

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