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Elizabeth Dutson Gee
1945-1991

- In Memoriam -

As this issue of the Journal of Dispute Resolution was going to press, the co-author of one of its feature articles, Elizabeth Gee, died after several years of living with cancer. Her contributions to this article represented one of the most important concerns in her recent scholarly career, and her work on it continued within a few weeks of her passing away.

Almost the entirety of her professional life was dedicated to the study of the role of ethics in the professions and professional institutions in American society. She earned her B.A. at the University of Utah in 1968, an M.A. in American history from Brigham Young University in 1979, and a doctorate in higher education administration from West Virginia University in 1985. She served on the Board of Directors of the Hastings Center for Ethics and Life Sciences from 1986 until her death and she was an active participant in the Center’s Feminism and Bioethics Research Project. She is survived by her daughter Rebekah and her husband Gordon, who is president of Ohio State University.

Elizabeth had a particular interest in and concern for the moral conflicts faced by women entering professional life, especially in the health sciences and the law. She was to us an inspiring example of the kind of scholar who fully embodied in her person the very ideals which were the subject of her work. Her treatment of her colleagues, of the respondents in her research, and of her students bespoke the same deep sense of personal caring that was also the focus of her scholarly efforts. Her experience as a cancer patient also gave her unique insight into ways that our institutions do and do not support the caring impetus in the professionals who serve within them—insight she movingly translated into her research and teaching.

All who knew her admired this sense of wholeness and integration which Elizabeth reflected, as well as the grace and courage with which she consistently bore her medical condition. We think of her often, and will miss her very much.

/s/ Lloyd Burton and Gerald Williams