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Judith E. Larrivee

1947–1993

On September 2, 1993, *Management Science* lost a dear friend, Judith E. Larrivee. The whole TIMS and ORSA Community mourns since everyone who knew Judi through our portfolio of publications became personally attached to her. Judi's official title was Technical Editor and there was none better than she at getting the grammar, subscripts, references and footnotes correct. She thoroughly enjoyed all of her editorial work, but *Management Science* held a special place in her heart. This journal is high quality and very eclectic—just like Judi.

A phone call to Judi on even the most troublesome editing issue was always an upbeat experience. I often referred to her as "The Wizard of Cucumber Hill" (the address of her home office) because no scheduling problem or author's ego was too big for her to handle. But Judi's solution never took even half of the conversation. The prognosis of her beloved Red Sox for the upcoming season, the comparison of two Civil War battles and the generals involved, her show horse's latest victory, escapades of the family goat, Sassy, and numerous common sense New England insights were the added dividends. Judi's broad ranging interests even included at least a third of the topics in the articles she edited for *Management Science*—how many readers can say that!

Judi was an English major from Rhode Island College who loved words and ideas. Doing the hardest double crostic puzzles she could find was her idea of having a good time. This helps explain her cheerful demeanor while editing even the most technical manuscripts with skyscraping superscripts on superscripts notation. Receiving page proofs of a Larrivee edited manuscript was a double joy for the author. The article was now completed and if any errors remained, the odds were very large that it was the author's fault. The Poisson process may have described Judi's errors, but if so the arrival rate was minuscule.

During my eight years as Editor-in-Chief, Judi had to deal with me, about 40 Departmental Editors, five editors of focused issues and the authors of 1,000 accepted manuscripts. Somehow Judi made all of these



people happy. I received not a single negative comment on any dimension of her work. Judi's competence, wit and diplomacy were often tested but never defeated.

The management science community has been enriched by this wonderful woman who took our work seriously, but who didn't take herself or the authors too seriously. I can still hear her enthusiastic voice which would start a conversation with, "Hi Chief" and end with "... and this is the year that the Red Sox will win it all." All of us who ever encountered Judi send our deepest sympathy to her husband, Bob Larrivee, and daughter, Susan. For me Judi was a true friend. I miss her greatly, but like many of us Judi's infectious enthusiasm and courage will always be with me. We loved you, Judi, and we know that somehow you'll be reading this, smiling and making an editorial change or two.

Donald G. Morrison
Editor-in-Chief, 1983–1990