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A tribute to professor emeritus Barbara Ferrier

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Dr. Barbara Ferrier, a professor emeritus of the Department of Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences, has died.

Born in Scotland, she came to Hamilton in 1969, joining the Faculty of Health Sciences part-time in 1972, and full-time in 1982. She held a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Edinburgh. Although she retired in 1998, she had been actively involved in the recent development of the new curriculum for the MD program.

"She has been a support, mentor and healthy critic for many colleagues and has provided a rich connection to the educational history and legacy of this Faculty," said colleague Sue Baptiste, professor in the School of Rehabilitation Science.

"Barbara renewed her intimate connection to curriculum development through her energized input to the undergraduate MD Compass Curriculum, and invested her time and skills in assuming the innovative role of Longitudinal Facilitator within the Professional Competency component of the new curriculum.

"To say she will be sorely missed is a truly inadequate testimony to the influence and contributions of this vibrant woman."

Barbara Ferrier was the second director of the Arts and Science Program and for many years led the first-year inquiry course. In 2000, she was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the McMaster Student Union given in recognition of her dedication to teaching at McMaster during her career.

Dr. Ferrier leaves her two sons Ewan and Neil and several grandchildren. A memorial service will be announced later.



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