Memorial Resolution Of The Academic Staff Assembly of the University Of Wisconsin-Madison

On the Death of Maureen E. Grant, Senior Information Processing Consultant, General Library System.

Maureen Ellen Grant, age 58, died Wednesday, June 22, 2011 as the result of a traffic accident while on her way to work. Maureen was born June 10, 1953, in St. Louis, Missouri. She lived in St. Louis until 1967 when she moved with her family to Kansas City, Missouri, graduating from Southwest High School in 1970. Maureen attended Iowa State University graduating in 1976 with a degree in sociology and psychology. She began working for the University of Wisconsin General Library System as a student in 1984 and has served the University in a variety of capacities within the Library System ever since, including work in College Library, Circulation, Reserves, and Central Technical Services. At the time of her death, Maureen was Head of the Information Processing Unit in the Acquisitions Department of Central Technical Services. Maureen had a thorough knowledge of the serials acquisitions business, managing the ordering and fiscal information associated with the thousands of electronic and print journals that are made available to the university community. She served on a variety of committees where her knowledge was essential in the development and shaping of policies. Her greatest strength was in troubleshooting problems and dealing with the technical intricacies of her work. She worked closely with vendors in the provision of services and also frequently provided assistance to colleagues at other UW campuses as well as other academic institutions across the country.

An avid gardener, Maureen spent many hours planting trees and tending her vegetables, berries, and flowers. She also had an interest in interior design and pursued many kinds of crafts, including sewing and crocheting. Maureen was deeply involved in her community, particularly with the Wilhelm Tell Festival and the New Glarus Public Library. She was passionate about everything she did, especially her most recent hobby, genealogy, tracing the history of the Carr and Grant families.

Most of all, Maureen enjoyed spending time with her family and pets. Maureen is survived by her husband, Jim; daughter, Hillary of Madison; sisters, Eileen (Andy) Cebula of Frederick, Md., Colleen Carr of Wellesley Hills, Mass., and Kathleen Carr of Alexandria, Va.; seven nieces; 11 nephews; and one very enthusiastic but not terribly bright Labrador Retriever.