

# Mary Munro

Mary had a stroke in 2014 which considerably reduced her mobility. She went into hospital on 18 April 2020 with a bacterial infection of her kidney. The infection failed to respond to antibiotic treatment. She was moved to the Arthur Rank Hospice for palliative care and died peacefully in the evening of Tuesday 5 May 2020.

Mary read mathematics at Newnham College, Cambridge. She then taught mathematics at Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology (CCAT) and worked as a computer programmer in Cambridge for several distinguished scientists including Edward Bullard (geophysics), Richard Stone (applied economics) and Francis Crick (molecular biology) – the latter two later won Nobel Prizes.

Mary was one of our first appointments when Adrian Bridgewater and I started CRAC in 1964. She was appointed as our first Research Officer, and in particular produced a report on Technology as a Career. She subsequently worked as an older leavers specialist careers adviser and as Principal Officer (Guidance) for Cambridgeshire Careers Service, and at CCAT (now Anglia Ruskin University) where she established its careers centre. She also wrote several widely-used careers guides published by CRAC/Hobsons, including *Your Choice of A-levels*, *Jobs and Careers after A-levels*, and *Careers with a Science Degree*.

In 1994 Mary wrote, with Bill Law, *The Morrisby Careers Education Programme*, as a NICEC project; the programme was published by The Morrisby Organisation as a teaching pack in 1994. Mary was elected an Associate Fellow of NICEC and later a full Fellow. She and David Elsom produced an influential research report on *Choosing Science at 16*, published as a NICEC Research Report in 2000.

Mary had great dignity and generosity. She had many interests, including art, music and tennis. She was, for example, the founder of Cambridge Sculpture Trails and helped in its development. But she also made a substantial contribution to career guidance in the UK, as a practitioner, manager, writer and researcher.

Mary is survived by her husband Alan (an immunologist, and Master of Christ's College, Cambridge, from 1995 to 2002), by their two sons (Sean and Ben) and by their five grandchildren.



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Tony Watts  
20 May 2020

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