

In Memoriam: Connie Corbett



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Constance B. Corbett, long-time teacher trainer and member of the AMI Pedagogical Committee, passed away at her home on January 24, 2003. For several years Ms Corbett had been plagued by a debilitating illness

that forced her to retire from active Montessori work.

She began her Montessori career as a student in the first U.S. course given by Margaret Stephenson. She was a Founding Member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Montessori Institute and a Course Assistant under Miss Stephenson. Later, moving to Florida, Connie established a school for children with her life-long friend and colleague Sibyl Devereux. As an AMI Primary Trainer, she trained teachers in Atlanta, Georgia and co-directed the Southern Montessori Institute with Ms Devereux for many years. Connie co-directed courses in Kansas City, Missouri, with Annette Haines during the nineties and worked for two years on the AMI Primary Course in Dublin.

She will be remembered for her sense of humour, her compassionate concern for others, and her commitment to Montessori. She loved life and she loved people. She had a profound appreciation for beauty and the beauty of ideas, and was a devout Catholic. She surrounded herself with children and little dogs and always carried pictures of her extended family wherever she went. She will be deeply missed by her family, her many students, and her close friends.

Annette Haines