

We were devastated yesterday by the news that Yvonne Toyloy, who worked in both the Trial Unit and Appeals Unit with us from 1986 to 1992, and who remained a very close friend to many members of our staff, died unexpectedly early yesterday morning at the age of 41. Yvonne's memory will always be treasured here at CPCS. Her impressive performance as a law student intern with our Boston trial unit in 1985 earned Yvonne the enthusiastic endorsement of her supervisor Stephanie Page, and a quick job offer by Arnie Rosenfeld. Yvonne's first public defender assignment was with Carol Smith and Marjory German in Boston Juvenile Court. This is an excerpt from her first CPCS evaluation, by Carol:

[Yvonne] is a solid proponent of her position. A judge, irked at her appeal of a case in which the first offender client received a suspended sentence, ordered her to immediate jury trial. She stood her ground, asserting her right to another judge, a pre-trial conference, and time to prepare adequately for a jury trial. She was willing to accept possible personal consequences for her refusal to obey a 'court order' to proceed immediately.

Yvonne wanted to become a more proficient legal writer, so she sought a position in our Appeals Unit. Her years working with Brown y Speer, Patty O'Neill and the rest of the staff were full of professional and personal accomplishment. Brown y recalls Yvonne as a "terrific person and a terrific lawyer." He notes that what immediately impressed him about Yvonne as an appellate litigator was her "unerring eye for the relevant detail." He cites a few of her successful appellate cases--Commonwealth v. Maggio, 414 Mass. 193 (1993) (gross procedural inadequacy of probation revocation hearing); Commonwealth v. Perrot, 407 Mass. 539 (1990) (probability of discovery of stolen pocketbook not sufficient to qualify for admission under the rule of "inevitable discovery"); Commonwealth v. Cassidy, 32 Mass. App. Ct. 160 (1992) (search was not incident to arrest). Patty remembers the joy of exposure to Yvonne's daily enthusiasm and zest for life; the spicy Jamaican dishes which she cooked to the unit's delight at social events; and, especially, the presence of her then infant daughter Athena, whose frequent presence brought life and laughter to all.

Many of us stayed in touch with Yvonne after she accepted a position offered by Arnie at the Board of Bar Overseers in the fall of 1992. Dolores Mayes chatted with Yvonne after church just a few months ago; and scores of us enjoyed her presence at the Mass. Bar Association luncheon in January which honored Carol Donovan and other esteemed public interest attorneys. Yvonne never stopped being one of us. Eight years after the end of her CPCS employment, we feel the loss of this warm, sunny, benign and effective woman no less than if she had been taken directly from us. She leaves us a legion of proud and happy memories.

Services for Yvonne will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 10:00 a. m., at the New Covenant Christian Center, 1500 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan.**

Contributions for Yvonne's five children may be sent to:

**The Yvonne Toyloy Children's Trust**  
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