

Mercy Rapelesega Montsi (- November 2013)



Mercy Montsi who received her Ed. D. in 1978 and was a friend to many at CIE died in South Africa in November, 2013, from complications from brain cancer. Mercy was recruited by Dean Dwight Allen and studied under Dr. Norma Jean Anderson. Jan Droegkamp, then a Peace Corps Volunteer, took over Mercy's Ministry post in her absence and the two became lifelong friends. After finishing her doctorate Mercy went to Lesotho to direct the School Counseling

Program in the Ministry of Education. She later worked for the United Nations in a variety of countries and as a Professor of Counseling at the University of Botswana, her home country. She is survived by her two daughters Sefale Montsi Zuma (Joel) who was born while Mercy was a grad student at UMass and Thaala Montsi Loper (Jesse). [Pictured right with Jan Droegkamp and Thaala Montsi.]



Her publications included

- *The youth empowerment project: strengthening NGO management, research and service delivery capabilities in Botswana.*
- *A study tour of some institutions and government ministries in five African countries involved in guidance and counselling and/or classroom interactions research.*
- *What if I woke up as the other sex? Batswana youth perspectives on gender.*