

**Elsie Juanita Walters**  
**(January 13, 1939- February 17, 1996)**

Elsie Walters died suddenly on February 17, 1996, at her home in Columbia, Maryland. Her life was marked by a boundless energy and a passion for social justice issues. She was survived by her husband Gerry and three children.

Elsie began her program at the CIE in 1977, and the focus of her doctoral program was on nutritional literacy and nonformal education. Before she was admitted to the doctoral program, Elsie was hired by the Center to work as the Personnel Recruitment Officer for Indonesia, Ghana and Swaziland Projects. This was a very busy time at the CIE and Elsie brought to the Center a wealth of experience as a community health organizer in adult and youth education.

Prior to joining the CIE, Elsie served as the Assistant Coordinator of Community Progress, INC, in New Haven, and as Director of the Hartford 4H Urban Program. She has also worked at the Consumer Action Unit, Community Progress, Inc, New Haven and the New Haven Welfare Department