

Heather Padfield (nee Torrens) d. 15 April 1990



Heather commenced medicine at Monash in 1969, and graduated in 1976.
The following obituary was in the Reunion Magazine 1994 ...

Heather commenced her medical course with most of us in 1969, taking time out to complete two years of research (B Med Sc Hons) before graduating in 1976. After a year of internship at the Alfred Hospital, she went to London, UK, and took house jobs in the Kings College Hospital group, with rotations to St Giles, St Francis, Dulwich and Maudsley Hospitals.

She married an anaesthetist at Kings, Nicholas Padfield, in 1979, and had one son, Edward, born in 1983, who is disabled.

She spent some time in Sydney in 1981 in the Department of Rheumatology at Prince of Wales Hospital when Nicholas took an exchange post for six months.

On return to London, she did GP locums, mainly at the London Clinic, Harley Street, before deciding to study law. She completed her law degree in 1988 despite developing a rather aggressive auto-immune vasculitis. She continued studying for her bar examinations but ill health prevented their completion, and she died on April 15, 1990, whilst on holiday in Africa.

Heather's enthusiasm, friendship and devotion will be fondly remembered by all 1974 graduates.