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Grace K. Baruch, author, psychologist, dies at age 52

NEWTON, Mass. — Grace K. Baruch, 52, of Rotherwood Road, an author and psychologist specializing in the area of female development and experience in society, died yesterday at home. She was the wife of Franklin R. Baruch.

Mrs. Baruch joined the staff of Wellesley College Center for Research on Women more than eight years ago, and was associate director at the time of her death. She had previously taught at Brandeis University and the Radcliffe Institute.

An author, co-author and editor, she wrote numerous articles and books, including, *The Competent Woman*, *Beyond Sugar and Spice*, *Life Prints*, and most recently, *Gender and Stress*.

In May, 1988, she was awarded the Radcliffe Graduate Society Medal for Distinguished Achievement. Her friend and companion in her studies, Rosalind Barnett, was similarly honored on the same occasion. The citation of this society applauded her "creative research of profound personal and political importance to women," as well as her work with Barnett in having "opened new worlds for mid-life women, validating a far wider range of individual choices than were previously regarded as acceptable."

She received a bachelor's degree from Radcliffe in 1957, a master's degree from Harvard in 1959, and a doctorate from Bryn Mawr in 1971.

Born in Providence, a daughter of Ruth (Zisquit) Kestenman of East Providence, and the late Louis Kestenman, she lived in Newton Center for 20 years.

Besides her husband and mother she leaves a daughter, Susannah Baruch of Newton Center.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at noon at Harvard Radcliffe Hillel, 74 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge.

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