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IN MEMORIAM: ELLEN CLEMENTS

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our longtime colleague, Ellen Clements. Few readers of *Microprocessor Report* are familiar with Ellen, because her name didn't appear in the newsletter. Yet, for 17 years, Ellen was one of the people who worked behind the scenes to ensure its quality.

As far as anyone can remember, Ellen was the only copy editor in the 23-year history of *Microprocessor Report*. She began editing the newsletter in 1993, six years after it was founded by Michael Slater in 1987. As a freelance contractor, Ellen edited every article for grammar, spelling, and style. She also maintained our in-house style guide.

Ellen had a long career in Silicon Valley as an editor, ghost writer, editorial consultant, and industry analyst. She entered the field in 1977 as an analyst for Dataquest, covering minicomputers and printers. In addition to copy editing for *Microprocessor Report*, she worked with many other clients.

Her academic background was eclectic. Ellen graduated from the Bronx High School of Science in 1950, then earned a B.A. in English from Hunter College (City University of New York) in 1961. She did graduate work in sociology, anthropology, and linguistics at New York University, followed by additional study in German at the University of Vienna. Later, after moving to Silicon Valley, she attended De Anza College and Foothill Community College.

Ellen was an extrovert, an excellent conversationalist, a dreamer, and a romantic in the European sense. She loved opera and Shakespeare.

Ellen's passing was sudden and unexpected. She was working until her last day. In-Stat and the staff of *Microprocessor Report* offer our condolences to her family and especially to her surviving son and daughter, Duncan and Amanda. Ellen, we will miss you. ◇