LERMOND, LUCIA

Lucia Lermond of New York City died at age 64 on February 15, 2014. Her brilliant mind, generous heart and gracious spirit will be sorely missed by all who knew her. A graduate of Queens College, Lucia received a Ph.D. in philosophy of religion from Columbia University in 1985. Her dissertation, published as *The Form of Man: Human Essence in Spinoza’s Ethic* by E.J. Brill in 1997, is considered a foundational work in contemporary Spinoza studies. Lucia returned to Queens College as an adjunct associate professor, teaching philosophy, religion, feminist theory. Lucia’s enthusiasms—for rembetika and other world music, Minoan civilization, champagne—were wonderfully intense, as was her passion for favorite places: the beaches of Xerokambos, in Crete; the Jewish cemetery of Ferrara, Italy; the gardens and lakes of the Vassar College campus, where she spent much time. Lucia is survived by a sister, Jessica M. Lermond, of Manhattan; an uncle, Leonard M. Schwartz of Delray Beach, Florida; and a circle of intimate friends, including Ken and Flo Jacobs, Evelyn Burg, James Waller, Rodica Blumenfeld, Bruno Blumenfeld, Mihaela Constantinescu.

A Memorial award in her name was set up by the Queens College Philosophy department, to be given annually to a graduating Philosophy major with a special interest in Ancient Cultures, History, and Philosophy. For details contact Rodica Blumenfeld at: blumenfeld@vassar.edu