

## EDITOR'S NOTE

I write with deep regret to inform the sociolinguistics community of the death of Dr. Cheryl Wharry on July 7, 2003, at her home. Dr. Wharry taught linguistics and TESOL at Columbus State University, Columbus, GA. She took her Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University, where her dissertation was “‘I’m gonna preach it, amen’: The role of ‘amen’ and similar formulaic expressions in African American sermonic discourse.” Her recent publication in *Language in Society* 32(2), “Amen and Hallelujah preaching: Discourse functions in African American sermons,” and her book review, which coincidentally appeared in the same issue, show us something of what we have lost.