



Jackie Caminer, widow of David, died peacefully at home in East Sheen, south-west London on 5th January, aged 94.

Jackie played an enormous supporting role in the birth and development of LEO. As one of the original LEO team, David worked fiendishly long hours, working on the project late into the nights and at weekends, leaving Jackie to carry more than the usual share of managing the house and family. As one of the small group of people who could read David's handwriting, Jackie helped in transcribing lecture notes, speeches and papers in the days before word processing. When David worked abroad - for example in South Africa and New Zealand - she acted as his secretary and chauffeuse.

In Brussels and Luxembourg, when David was leading the installation of the European Commission computer, Jackie had an important role in helping the ex-pat group feel at home - entertaining the partners and children and producing an annual pantomime or operetta. On their return to the UK in 1980, Jackie went with David to visit the Queen when he was awarded his OBE - and in 2006, when he received his honorary doctorate from Middlesex University at the age of 91, Jackie helped him deliver his speech to the graduands.

She had a successful career of her own as a teacher of English and Drama and was an energetic campaigner on a number of social issues, including adult education.

Jackie was a 'friend of LEO' in every sense and many of the early LEO team will remember her with affection.

Hilary Caminer