

# ***Tribute to a Colleague***

**Joan McKeown,  
RT, RTNM**

**1942–1997**

**J**oan McKeown is mourned by the nuclear medicine technology community. She died suddenly of a cerebral aneurysm in December 1997. Joan was the program director for the Gwynedd Mercy College Nuclear Medicine Technology Program, originally the Philadelphia Nuclear Medicine Technology School of which she was a cofounder in 1971. She and her staff taught many of the nuclear medicine technologists in the Delaware Valley area.

Joan was born in Philadelphia on September 16, 1942. She graduated with honors as a music major from West Philadelphia Catholic High School in 1960 and went on to the Misericordia School of X-Ray Technology where she graduated in 1962. She continued her education with postgraduate training in radiation therapy, dosimetry and nuclear medicine at Misericordia Hospital and the American Oncologic Hospital. Joan became registered as a radiologic technologist in 1962 (ARRT) and as a nuclear medicine technologist in 1966 (ARRT). She was a long-time member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine–Technologist Section, a founding member of the Pennsylvania State Society Nuclear Medicine technology group, and a member of the Delaware Valley Society of Nuclear Medicine Technology. She also served as radiation safety officer. Joan is keenly missed by her colleagues and friends.