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SANTA BARBARA, Calif./WINONA — **Vicky Helen Speck**, 56, of Santa Barbara and Winona died Friday, April 21, 2006, at St. Anne Extended Healthcare. She was born May 26, 1949, in Winona, the daughter of **Edward** and **Helen (Kaldunski) Speck**.

Vicky Helen Speck was a gentle woman who was a great achiever in her lifetime.

She was a graduate of the **College of St. Teresa** and **William Mitchell Law School**. She was director of Serials Division of **ABC-CLIO** at Santa Barbara and was involved in theatre, dance and music, participating in them whenever she could. She was a member of **Canticle** and **San Roque Church** choir. Music was important to her. She followed the **Moody Blues**, **Michael Ball** and **Cliff Richard**. **Vicky** loved needlework and was a member of **Embroidery Guild of America**. She lived and worked in Bogota, Colombia; Winona; St. Paul; Eau Claire; Colorado Springs and Santa Barbara. She made and kept close

friendships wherever she went. Family was important to her, both its history and maintaining close ties. She was close to her niece, nephews and godchildren, and proud of their achievements.




She is lovingly survived by two brothers, **Francis (Teresa) Speck** of Winona and **Mark (Judy) Speck** of Hixson, TN; one sister, **Therese M. Plate** of Santa Ana, CA; and one uncle, the **Rev. James A. Speck** of Winona.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Wednesday, April 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the **Church of St. Casimir**, the **Rev. Robert P. Stamschror** officiating. Interment will be in **St. Mary's Cemetery**.

Visitation will be Wednesday at the church one hour prior to Mass.

Pallbearers will be **William Speck**, **John Morin**, **Michael Speck**, **Thomas Kukowski**, **Colin Jaedike** and **Al Jaedike**.

Memorials may be directed to St. Anne Extended Healthcare, Winona, or to Tutwiler (Miss.) Clinic. A Watkowski-Pronschinske funeral service. 



A Recollection from Rosann Bazirjian


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My most memorable recollection is the weekend that **Vicky** visited me in State College to edit the *Charleston Conference Proceedings* volume together for the first time. We hardly knew each other — just incidentally from the conference. I don't remember how or why **Katina** put us together to co-edit the *Proceedings* volumes, but it happened and we worked together so well!

The first day we worked on the volume, we sat in my office at the **PSU Libraries**, and had all of the articles that the speakers contributed laid out on the floor. Then we sat down on the floor ourselves, and tried to sort them into categories. It worked like magic. We agreed on everything, sorted the articles quickly, decided who would write the introduction and short abstracts, and then decided it was time for **Vicky** to see the town!

We had the most wonderful two days shopping together, talking, eating at some wonderful restaurants, and generally very proud of ourselves for getting so organized for the *Proceedings* volume so quickly and easily. Of course, we worked long distance after that weekend to get the volume in final shape, but it went so well because we worked so well together. We just clicked.

And we clicked after that weekend, and together to edit three more *Proceedings* volumes. We had the "formula" down, each giving equally to the partnership! I'll miss **Vicky** very much. She was always kind, helpful, a hard worker, easy to be with — just a nice, nice person! I'll remember **Vicky** forever, and am so glad that our names will be tied together for ever on the volumes that we co-edited. 

Rumors

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ton, and Chair, **OCLC Board of Trustees**. **RLG's** program initiatives would be continued as **RLG-Programs**, a new division of **OCLC Programs and Research** that would provide programs to support architecture, standards development and best practices, to name a few. **James Michalko**, who currently leads **RLG**, would serve as **Vice President of RLG-Programs Development**, working under the leadership of **Lorcan Dempsey**, **Vice President of Research** and **OCLC Chief Strategist**. **RLG-Programs** would remain a membership-based organization. **RLG's** online products and services would be integrated with **OCLC** service offerings as appropriate. The potential for increased services and consolidation of costs would result in overall savings. For example, **RLIN**, the **RLG Union Catalog**, would be integrated into **WorldCat**, delivering economies of scale and reach that would benefit members of both **RLG** and **OCLC**. Any change in **RLG** service offerings will be announced well in advance. Approval of the agreement requires the assent of two-thirds of voting **RLG** member institutions. Voting will conclude in early June. **RLG-Programs** would maintain an office in Mountain View, California. Staffing decisions will be made in the weeks leading up to the proposed transition. Just received word, the merger has been approved by the **RLG** membership www.rlg.org/en/page.php?Page_ID=20942

RLG Proposal to Combine with **OCLC**—Frequently Asked Questions
www.rlg.org/en/page.php?Page_ID=20942

Castleharlan has agreed to acquire **Baker & Taylor**. www.castleharlan.com/news/

The accomplished **Mark Sandler** has been appointed **Director of the Center for Library Initiatives (CLI)** of the **Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)**, effective July 17, 2006. He currently serves as **University Library Collection Development Officer for the University of Michigan**. **Dr. Sandler** will lead and coordinate the consortium's numerous projects and programs aimed at realizing the vision of the information resources in the **CIC** as a seamless whole, equally accessible to all students and faculty. **Sandler** received a B.A. and M.A. (social relations) from the **City University of New York**. He holds a PhD (sociology) from **Michigan State University** and an A.M.L.S. (library administration) from the **University of Michigan**. Since 1985, **Sandler** has served in a variety of positions at the **University of Michigan Library**, and prior to his service at Michigan, he was an **Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Central Arkansas**. **Mark Sandler** has been a library leader at the statewide, national, and international level, and currently serves as a member of the **Depository Library Council** for the **Government Printing Office**, co-publisher of the **Journal of Electronic Publishing**, **Director of the Text Creation Partnership**, and serves on the advisory boards to **Nature Publishing Group**, **John Wiley and Sons**, and **Blackwell Publishing**. **Sandler** believes that library consortia can do far more for member institutions than negotiating price and terms on commercial

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