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MARY WYNNE WARNER

1932-1998, Wales- In 1951, Warner entered the University of Oxford to read mathematics. She had performed outstandingly well at Howell's Boarding School in Denbigh and won an Open Scholarship to study at Somerville College as well as a Draper's Company Exhibition.



Although she achieved distinction in her years as an undergraduate, having won both college and university prizes, she received only a Second Class degree in mathematics when she graduated in 1953. In spite of this, her research potential had been clear, and she was awarded a research scholarship to enable her to undertake doctoral work at Oxford. She published her first research paper *A note on Borsuk's antipodal point theorem* in the *Oxford Quarterly Journal of Mathematics* in 1956.

In 1968 Warner was appointed as a Lecturer in Mathematics at the City University in London. She was a late bloomer, and did her best research when she was older.

She became a reader at the City University in 1983, then a professor in 1996. Her great mathematical achievements brought her great satisfaction. She published three papers in 1996 and three more in 1997. While still planning numerous mathematical projects she died suddenly in her sleep while visiting friends in Spain.

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