

CATHERINE MARGARET CRAGG



Catherine Margaret Cragg was born in Toronto in 1936, the younger of two children of journalists.

Her father worked for the Toronto Telegram and was later with the Globe and Mail's parliamentary press bureau in Ottawa.

After his early death, her mother brought Brian and Catherine back to Toronto and became editor of the Globe's women's pages. Catherine attended Lawrence Park Collegiate and Victoria College at U of T.

Following graduation she took courses in early childhood education but switched career direction and went into publishing instead of teaching.

She held positions at Macmillan of Canada and later at OISE where her interest in education was satisfied by editorial work principally in that area. Then after about a decade as a freelance editor, she retired in 1999.

Throughout her working life she was involved in volunteer activities. After retirement she continued to serve on the board of the Museum of Childhood and also assisted with projects of LEAF, MATCH International,

the Toronto Historical Association and similar organizations.

She was a longtime member of the Editors' Association of Canada and one of the authors of the much-praised reference book *Editing Canadian English*. Her connection with York University came through her brother who was professor and first director of the Division of Natural Science and whose memory is honoured by undergraduate awards established in his name by family and friends.

In addition, in recent years Catherine generously supported the recruitment and promotion of women in the fields of computer science and engineering at York. She died at her Toronto home on September 14, 2006.