



Dr. Margot (Margaret) King

February 15, 2018

KING, Margot (Margaret Helen Hoeschen Bujila King – 1934-2018) died peacefully surrounded by her loving family at Kensington Hospice in Toronto on February 15, 2018, aged 84.

Margot was born in Winnipeg to Bernadine Hoeschen Bujila (Saskatoon) and Theodore de Vasila Bujila (Kishinev, Bessarabia), and raised by her grandparents, Margaret and Bernard Hoeschen, in Saskatoon. She earned a B.A. from the University of Saskatchewan, a M.L.S. from University of Western Ontario, an M.A. from the University of Toronto, and a Ph.D. from the University of California – Berkeley.

Margot was an esteemed mediaevalist and professor of English and Comparative Literature who, as the founder of Peregrina Publishing Company, discovered, translated, and popularized the lives of many previously unknown mediaeval women. Margot worked for many years as the Librarian at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan. She was a frequent, generous, and loving host who gathered colleagues, friends, and family over innumerable meals to interrogate life in its complexity.

A cradle Catholic who gained solace from the 12 Steps and a wide range of religious traditions, Margot was a great lover of coffee and cigarettes, long solitary road trips, the Benedictine Rule, woodcuts, incunabula, desktop

publishing, spy novels, Holocaust movies, jazz, klezmer, Mozart, and Puccini.

Margot is survived by her children, Sarah (Martin), Bernard (Emily), and David, her grandchildren, James, Megan, Miriam, and Caroline, her God-children, Isolde Prince, Donald Ward (Colleen Fitzgerald), and Brigid Ward (James Ainsworth), her former husband Michael (Gina), and her treasured dog, Mary Louise, and cat, Augustus Oliver. She was predeceased by her parents, grandparents, her beloved aunt, Margot McCallum (Auntie Mung), and her life-companion dog, Fletcher.

May she find comfort and peace in the eternal *Communitas Mirabilis*.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kensington Hospice (<https://www.kensingtonhealth.org/Donations/In-Memory-Donation.aspx>) in the name of Margot King or to support the conservation of rare books in the library of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies. (<http://www.pims.ca/>).

Previous Events

Funeral

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil's Catholic Parish
50 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, ON M5S 1J4 (CA)
(416) 926-7110
office@stbasiltoronto.org
<http://stbasiltoronto.org/>

Interment

FEB **23**. 11:30 AM (ET)

East Ravine At St. James Cemetery
635 Parliament Street
Toronto, ON M4X 1R1 (CA)

Reception

FEB **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Basil's Catholic Parish - Macrina Hall (Basement)
50 St. Joseph Street
Toronto, ON M5S 1J4 (CA)
<http://stbasiltoronto.org/>

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I profited greatly from Margot King's scholarship and am proud to have known her a little, mostly through correspondence. She was of the generation just ahead of me doing women's history and she was a shining example to all of us in the 70s, 80s and 90s who struggled to make texts available and to call attention to how wonderful medieval religious women were in both the substance of their thought and the example they provide to us today. Her family will miss her sorely, as will all those scholars, like myself, whom she inspired. But how grateful we all are for her editions and texts, for the utter confidence she felt in the relevance of medieval scholarship, and for her generosity to other students of women's writings. At a time when many question the value of humanistic scholarship, it is good to have her shining example before us, She never doubted for a moment that what she was studying mattered and that helps all of us to cling to that conviction. I send sympathy to her family and all the friends who will miss her so much. And I rejoice in her life.

Caroline Walker Bynum

Feb. 27

Caroline W. Bynum - February 27, 2018 at 07:18 PM

BC

“ I wanted to share my condolences with Margot's family, and my gratitude for having known her. She gave me my first job walking Tashi, and then Mary-Louise, and other odd jobs. Every time I finished helping her, I was greeted with enthusiastic thanks and an 'oh bless you.' When visiting, her welcomes were almost as warm and Mary-Louise's. She was always eager to hear about any minor academic accomplishments and responded with an 'oh how wonderful!'

She was very encouraging and full of spirit, and I was so lucky to have been her neighbour for so many years.

She was also quite tech savvy for her generation, so I think she will forgive me for having to rely on google for some of the words for a decade of the rosary.

Margot, you are missed.

Ben Corrigan - February 24, 2018 at 10:14 PM

HH

“ Sending our love and condolences to all the family from across the miles. Hugh, Andrea and Stuart xxx

Hugh Hughes - February 22, 2018 at 09:49 PM

BN

“ To the family of Margot King:

Please accept my deep sympathy on the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful woman, mirabilis--a force of nature, whose untrammelled energy exerted a powerful influence for good just when the study of medieval women was beginning to take off. Generations of students read her Peregrina translations, and many were inspired by them to continue in the field. I was honored to contribute to that series and, later on, to give her work a permanent home in a series of Brepols volumes. Alas, the informality and affordability that she prized so much were lost, but the work itself will live on.

Kalamazoo was never the same after Margot retired. I will never forget the whirlwind of excitement that would sweep through her "Medieval Women T-Shirts" stall, where one could never predict what she'd think of next. I also fondly remember her "Peregrinations" workshops in Toronto, where I once had the pleasure of being a guest.

Just a couple weeks ago we saw a terrific Caryl Churchill play--another of her enthusiasms--and remembered her fondly.

Alas, we cannot make it to the funeral in Toronto, but be assured that we will pray for her soul and her bereaved family.

*God bless and comfort you,
Barbara Newman*

Barbara Newman - February 22, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Dr. Margot (Margaret) King.*



February 20, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ *Hi Bernard,*

I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother Dr. Margot King. Please accept my deepest sympathy and hart felt condolences. May our prayers help comfort you and hasten the journey of her soul to Heaven

Regards,

Nick Ghanbari

Nick Ghanbari - February 20, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ *Bernard & Emily, I am saddened by such a great loss to you and your family. Sending you my deepest condolences and wishing peace to all who loved her.*



Lori M - OPSEU

Lori Markell - February 19, 2018 at 06:43 PM

DW

“ After I had received baptism, communion, reconciliation, and confirmation for the first time -- all within an hour -- I turned to my godmother and said, "My God, Margot, I'm Catholic." She nodded and said, "My God."

Donald Ward - February 18, 2018 at 01:45 PM

RC

“ Bernard, sincere sympathy on the loss of your mother.

Robert Clark - February 18, 2018 at 12:43 PM

BC

“ Board of Parkdale Queen West Community CHC purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Dr. Margot (Margaret) King.



Board of Parkdale Queen West Community CHC - February 17, 2018 at 01:02 PM

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Sarah Head - February 17, 2018 at 09:35 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album *In memoriam*



Sarah King Head - February 17, 2018 at 08:32 AM

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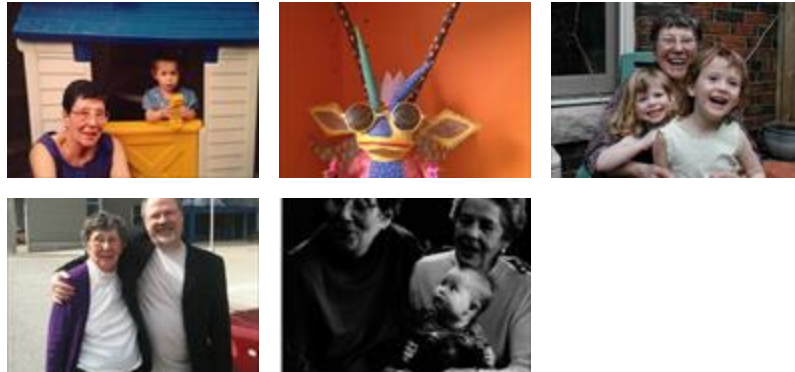
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Sarah King Head - February 17, 2018 at 08:31 AM

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Bernard King - February 16, 2018 at 04:51 PM

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Bernard King - February 16, 2018 at 04:46 PM