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To: Vancouver Senate  
From: Tributes Committee  
Re: Memorial Minute

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The Tributes Committee has prepared a memorial minute for the following individual:

*Dr. Margaret E. Prang*

***Motion:*** *That Senate approve the Memorial Minute for Dr. Margaret E. Prang, that it be entered into the Minutes of Senate, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sally Thorne, Chair  
Senate Tributes Committee

### **Dr. Margaret E. Prang**

Dr. Margaret Prang was born in Stratford, Ontario, and spent her childhood in Edmonton and Brantford. She attended the University of Manitoba, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1945, and went on to pursue graduate studies at the University of Toronto. In 1959, she joined UBC's History Department, where she quickly became a popular teacher. She served as department head from 1974-79, and again from 1982-83.

Though her early interest was in political and constitutional history, Dr. Prang's attention turned increasingly to social and intellectual history, as indicated in numerous articles and reviews. Her book, *N.W. Rowell: Ontario Nationalist*, won the UBC medal for popular biography in 1975. Dr. Prang was President of The Canadian Historical Association in 1976-77, and a member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada from 1973 to 1979. With the late Walter Young, she founded, and for some years edited, the journal "BC Studies".

A promoter of Arts I, Dr. Prang chaired the coordinating committee and taught in the program in its early years. She was also an active member of the wider University community, chairing the President's Committee on the Norman McKenzie biography, and serving on the Executive of the Faculty Association. Dr. Prang served as a joint faculties representative to Senate from 1975 to 1978. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from UBC in 1990.

Dr. Prang was deeply involved in community, United Church and ecumenical committees, both locally and nationally, and she received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. She enjoyed spending time in her two favourite places: Georgian Bay, Ontario, and Galiano Island, B.C.

The Senate offers its deepest condolences to Dr. Prang's family and friends.