

Helen Rowland



Helen Rowland passed away in Toronto on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the age of 92. Her career at McGill started in 1964, when she became a part-time secretary in the Department of Geography, working with professors such as Brian Bird, Ben Garnier, Trevor Lloyd and John Parry. In the late 1960's, she became the first Executive Secretary of the Canadian Association of Geographers, a position that she held before retiring in 1992. The CAG had its office in Burnside Hall and the department benefitted from the close relationship that Helen had between faculty and students and the CAG. She was an exceptionally effective, friendly and compassionate colleague to both Geography and the CAG, and she loved attending the Annual Conference of the CAG across the country and meeting CAG members in person. She was also an avid birdwatcher and cross-country skier.

The Department of Geography and McGill pass on our condolences to her sons Charles and Michael and family.