

# The Lorraine Young and Gregory Bryce Fellowship

**STORY: Lorraine Young** (full name Alice Lorraine Young) was born on January 7, 1949 in Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan. She completed high school in Scarborough, Ontario and then studied History and English at Trinity College, University of Toronto, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in 1971. She received a Bachelor of Education from the Ontario College of Education in 1972. In 1974, she moved to the Yukon to join the Carcross Community Education Centre as a “parent member”. While there, she met her future husband, Gregory Bryce (married June 6, 1976), and many life-long friends. After three years at that school (with additional teaching in 1975-76 at the Carcross elementary school), she and Gregory moved to Old Crow where they managed the co-op store for two years. They relocated to Whitehorse in late-1979, and later raised their three children, Sarah, Benjamin, and Elizabeth. Between 1984 and 1988, Lorraine gave a weekly commentary on CBC Radio Yukon. She was an advocate for early childhood education and played a role in the creation of the Child Development Centre in Whitehorse. Lorraine died from ovarian cancer on December 2, 1988. She is buried at Grey Mountain Cemetery in Whitehorse.

**Gregory Peter Bryce** was born in Toronto on June 3, 1947. He studied at the University of Toronto. He played a leading role in the foundation and activities of the nonprofit, environmental advocacy group, Pollution Probe, in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He moved to the Yukon in the summer of 1974 and began working as a “parent member” at the Carcross Community Education Centre as an outdoor educator where he spent three school years. After marrying Lorraine in Carcross in 1976, the newlyweds embarked on a new long-distance bike trip from Prince Rupert to northern Ontario. The couple moved to Old Crow in 1977 before finally settling in Whitehorse in 1979. After a brief stint with the *Whitehorse Star*, Gregory began working for the Yukon Territorial Government (YTG) in 1981. After Lorraine’s death in 1988, Gregory remarried in 1990. Together with Sandra Bryce, he continued to raise his three children as well as her four children. They separated in 2002. From 2011 until late 2021, Gregory wrote a regular column in the *Whitehorse Star* called “Word Watching”. From 2002 until late 2021, he was on the board of the Whitehorse Co-ed Rec Soccer League. Gregory died from cancer on January 1, 2022.

The estate also created the Bryce and Young fonds at the Yukon Archives, which contain slide photographs of life in Carcross and Old Crow in the 1970s, films of community life in Old Crow, and Gregory’s tape recordings of Lorraine’s CBC radio show.