

KATHLEEN GOUGH WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER!

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Kathleen departed from this life forever! But we, her Vietnamese friends, who had been happy to meet and work with her always remembered her, a woman imbued with humaneness, compassion and energy, a noted scientist full of consciousness and ethics.

Especially, we have highly valued the soul and sentiment of Kathleen who had devoted almost all her life to valiantly struggling for the truth, social equality and the people's interests, although her own interest and her scientific cause were affected sometimes.

While she was still young, she actively struggled for the interests of women, of the minority ethnic groups and the oppressed peoples in the Third World. She joined in the campaigns for nuclear arms disarmament, and for human rights. Particularly, she, together with her life companion, Doctor David F. Aberle, actively took part in the movement against the Vietnam war.

With her profound sentiments for the Vietnamese people she overcame boundless difficulties and came to Vietnam in the period full of hardships caused by enemy and natural disasters. As she wrote in a letter to a Vietnamese friend on May 19, 1990: "During the past 25 years, Vietnam has always been in the centre of my life. I have loved and highly admired the country of Vietnam."

After the work *Ten Times More Beautiful: The Rebuilding of Vietnam* was published in 1978, she completed in 1990 the book *Political Economy in Vietnam* which was published some days before her death.

These two precious books, together with a series of her articles, have helped readers the world over understand more clearly and more correctly the realities of national building and defence in Vietnam and Cambodia in various historical stages, and encouraged our people to march forward, overcome all difficulties and obstacles to build a life in peace, freedom, well-being and happiness.

With practical deeds she had served as a firm bridge for mutual understanding and scientific co-operation between Vietnam and Canada.

Thanks to her recommendations and active assistance, many scientists, organizations and universities in Canada expressed their wishes to establish co-operative relations with Vietnamese social scientists in scientific research, information exchange and personnel training.

Kathleen Gough passed away, leaving behind boundless regret to her friends and family. But the more we grieve, the harder we work to serve our people and mankind at large and to struggle against poverty, backwardness, oppression, exploitation of man by man, war and social inequality, etc.

Kathleen will have a good rest in eternity and live forever in our hearts.