

Ann Talbot (Caton) Saville was born in Regina, Saskatchewan on May 17, 1923 on her mother's birthday.

She attended school at Clear Valley and Fairwell Creek schools as well as taking correspondence courses at home. She also attended school in Carberry, Manitoba and Maple Creek, Saskatchewan and graduated from the school in Robsart, Saskatchewan. She attended the University of Saskatchewan and graduated as the only woman in her year from the College of Agriculture in 1947. Ann worked at the Lethbridge Experimental Station from 1947 through 1950. She married Bill Saville on June 3, 1950. They ranched near Ravenscrag, Saskatchewan from then until they retired in 1986. Ann operated machinery but her real love was the livestock. Over the years many calves and foals owed their life to Ann but also a rabbit, a white tail deer, a moose and many birds. Ann and Bill raised four children during this time. Ann was always involved in the Ravenscrag Community Club and also 4H. She wrote the Ravenscrag news for various local papers from the 1960's until 2007. Ann also wrote many freelance articles for different magazines over the years. Ann took an AI course in 1972 and for a number of years operated her own purebred Charolais herd. She operated a Bed and Breakfast and hosted farm vacationers from 1976 until 1986. She was the editor of the Ravenscrag History book from 1980 until 1982 and the follow-up volume in 1999. She was elected to the University of Saskatchewan Senate in 1981 for a 3 year term. She worked as a mediator for the Farm Debt Review Board from 1986 until 1994. Ann held the same position for the Saskatchewan Farmland Security Board from 1988 until 1994. She and Bill sold the ranch in 1986 but continued to be active on it until they moved to Eastend in 1999. Through all of her life Ann was a collector starting with a lock of hair from each visitor to her parents ranch as a child. Later as an adult she collected matchbooks, coins, stamps, glass bottles, antiques and finally egg cups. Ann was a good cook and a concerned hostess, no one left her home hungry. Over the years Ann became involved in many hobbies, spinning wool, knitting, crocheting, pottery, basket weaving, scrap books and bird watching. Ann wrote a book of her history. Health issues forced Ann to move to Eastend Wolf Willow Health Centre in 2004. While in the centre she continued to report the Ravenscrag news finally learning to use a voice activated computer when her hands could no longer type.

Ann Saville died after a short illness on July 14, 2011.

Ann was predeceased by her parents Anna and Bill Caton, brother Jack and sisters Elizabeth and Peggy. She is survived by her husband Bill, her children David of Rosetown, Susan of Saskatoon, Jim of Ravenscrag and Nick of Eastend, one grandson Clarence of Maple Creek and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service took place at the Eastend Memorial Hall on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 2:00 pm with Reverend Eleanor Rockabar officiating. Donny White presented the eulogy and the pianist was Linda Udal. Pallbearers were Esther Walters, Judy Walters, Bill Caton, Jay Anderson, Dwayne Francis and Don Pearson. Binkley's Funeral Service of Shaunavon was in charge of the arrangements.

Birthplace: Regina, Saskatchewan

Residence: Eastend, Saskatchewan and Formerly of Ravenscrag, Saskatchewan
Service: Eastend Memorial Hall, Eastend, Saskatchewan
Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.