

Peel Biog - LESLIE, Margaret



LESLIE

Citizen of the Year '80 Margaret Leslie dies

Mississauga's first Citizen of the Year, Margaret Leslie, has died at age 77.

The inaugural citizen of the Year in 1980 was a tireless volunteer for the Red Cross Society, who was honored last year by having a student volunteer award for the Red Cross named in her honor.

Leslie died Thursday after a heart

attack. A funeral attended by Mayor Hazel McCallion and Mississauga South MPP Margaret Marland, among other dignitaries, was held Monday.

A resident of the City since the 1950s, Leslie worked on innumerable blood donor clinics and with the Meals on Wheels service. She won the Citizen of the Year award

for directing emergency services of the Red Cross during the mass evacuation caused by the 1979 train derailment.

Leslie also helped with relief efforts in other times of crisis, such as Hurricane Hazel in 1954 and the Malton explosion of 1969.

Leslie is survived by her husband Arthur, two daughters and several grandchildren.

LESLIE, Margaret Peel Biography Book Mississauga News
June 1st, 1994