



## Katharine Graham Dies At 84

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WASHINGTON – Katharine Graham, former chairman and chief executive officer of The Washington Post Company and former publisher of The Washington Post, died today at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho, [Picture of Katharine Graham] the company announced. Mrs. Graham, 84, was chairman of the executive committee of The Washington Post Company.

Her death resulted from head injuries sustained in a fall on Saturday, July 14, in Sun Valley, where she was attending a conference of business leaders, the company said.

Mrs. Graham is survived by her son Donald Graham, chairman and chief executive officer of The Washington Post Company; her daughter Lally Weymouth, a Washington Post and Newsweek journalist, of New York; her son William Graham, an investor, of Los Angeles; her son Stephen Graham, a producer, philanthropist and Ph.D. student of English literature, of New York; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and her sister Ruth M. Epstein of Bronxville, NY.

The funeral service will be held on Monday, July 23, at 11:00 a.m., at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Graham was born on June 16, 1917, in New York City. She was a daughter of Agnes Ernst Meyer and Eugene Meyer, who purchased The Washington Post at a bankruptcy sale in 1933.

After attending Vassar for two years, Mrs. Graham graduated from the University of Chicago in 1938. She worked as a reporter for the San Francisco News and later joined the staff of The Washington Post, working in the editorial and circulation departments.

Mrs. Graham's husband Philip L. Graham was publisher The Washington Post from 1946 until 1961 and president of The Washington Post Company from 1947 until his death in 1963. At that time, Mrs. Graham became president of the company and served in that position until 1973.

She was chairman of the board from 1973 to 1993 and chief executive officer from 1973 to 1991. Mrs. Graham was publisher of The Washington Post from 1969 to 1979.

Mrs. Graham was the author of "Personal History," a memoir for which she received the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for Biography.

Mrs. Graham was co-chairman of the International Herald Tribune. She also was vice chairman of the board of the Urban Institute and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Overseas Development Council. She was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She was a board member of The National Campaign to Reduce Teenage Pregnancy. Mrs. Graham was a past chairman and president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association and a former board member of the Associated Press.

The Washington Post Company is a diversified media and education company whose principal operations include newspaper and magazine publishing, television broadcasting, cable television systems, electronic information services, test preparation, and educational and career services.

The company owns The Washington Post, Gazette Newspapers (Maryland), The Herald (Everett, Washington), Newsweek, Newsweek International, television stations in Detroit, Houston, Miami, Orlando, San Antonio, and Jacksonville, and cable systems serving 760,000 subscribers.

The company also owns Kaplan, Inc., a leading provider of educational and career services; Washingtonpost.Newsweek Interactive, which creates and manages electronic information services, principally on the Internet; and Post Newsweek Tech Media Group, which produces publications, trade shows, and online services in the government and business technology sectors.

The company also has ownership interests in the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service, the International Herald Tribune, and BrassRing, Inc., a recruiting and hiring management company.

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