Jinny Storr
She was always there for us!

From the very beginning,
Bliss in Canada has had the gift of Jinny Storr
and she generously gave this gift
to those in the many countries who shared in the Bliss adventure!

Jinny began as a loyal volunteer in the Bliss classrooms (1971). Throughout the seventies, she became our most valuable liaison with Charles K. Bliss during his annual spring visits to Canada – working countless hours with him to document is ideas about the symbols needed by the children. Jinny volunteered as our first informal symbol officer in 1976, overseeing the development of a structured approach to expanding our symbol vocabulary until 1983 when the work was taken on by Claudia Wood. Dick Storr, Jinny's devoted husband and supporter, served on the BCI Board of Directors and, with Jinny's help, formalized the staff position of symbol officer along with the policy and procedures for ongoing Blissymbol development.

In the early eighties, Jinny, along with Peter Reich and Barb Hehner, produced Blissymbols for Use, BCI's first formal published dictionary and in the early nineties, Jinny worked with Peter Reich and Claudia Wood to produce the Blissymbol Reference Guide. These publications, however, were just her highly visible accomplishments. She took on many other activities, working with Peter Reich in computer-related projects and helping anyone who could benefit from her extensive knowledge of the symbols and their composition.

When the work of symbol development moved to Sweden and the International Symbol Panel in 1998, Jinny was there to help with the transition. In the following decade, Jinny remained an important contributor to the ongoing development of Bliss – always bringing her special knowledge of the thinking of Mr. Bliss, and her own analytical skills to the Panel Meetings. I remember being in Sweden when the Swedish Secretariat members were keen to show their appreciation of her friendship and the help she had given them, by sending her their greeting on her 80th Birthday.

Our storage shelves are filled with records and documents that were written or organized by Jinny. Our hearts are filled with warm memories of her commitment and caring – about the language of Bliss, the
people who use it, and the people who teach it and develop it.

In 2007, BCIC celebrated Jinny's contribution to Blissymbolics through recognizing her 40 years of volunteering for Bliss. This gentle, quiet, determined, loyal, gifted woman played a unique and key role in the development of Blissymbolics for persons who are nonspeaking. I loved her as a friend and had the highest respect for her as a colleague. What a Bliss-full life she lived! What great beneficiaries are we!

Shirley McNaughton