

# Joyce Fairbairn

**Joyce Fairbairn**, [PC CM](#) (November 6, 1939 – March 29, 2022) was a Canadian [Liberal](#) politician. She was a [Canadian senator](#) from 1984 to 2013. She was the first woman to be [Leader of the Government in the Senate](#). She was born in [Lethbridge, Alberta](#).

She was named a [Member of the Order of Canada](#) in 2015.<sup>[1]</sup>

In August 2012, Fairbairn was diagnosed with [Alzheimer's disease](#).<sup>[2]</sup> She died on March 29, 2022 in Lethbridge at the age of 82.<sup>[3]</sup>

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