KATE O'BEIRNE, R.I.P.

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on the death of Kate O'Beirne:

The Catholic community lost a champion with the passing of Kate O'Beirne. She was a smart, courageous conservative who never ducked an opponent.

I first met Kate in the late 1980s when I was a Bradley resident scholar at The Heritage Foundation; Kate was a vice president there. Her ability to quickly analyze public policy—on a range of subjects—was impressive. But it was her amiable personality that won everyone over.

Shortly after I became president of the Catholic League, Kate joined our board of directors; she would later switch to our advisory board. She was outspoken in her denunciation of Catholic bashing, and was equally vocal in her support for the rights of the unborn.

Kate O'Beirne was a role model for men, as well as women. She will be sorely missed.