



Patricia Grant Lewis Elliott

1930 - 2012

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Patricia Grant Lewis Elliott – an inspired performer, dedicated teacher, and long-time member of the Sackville Branch.

Born in Regina, Saskatchewan, she studied with piano greats Rudolf Firkušný and Claudio Arrau, and performed as a concert pianist across Canada, the US, and Europe. In 1957, she moved to Sackville to take a position at Mount Allison University, where she met, and later married, the composer, theorist, and choral conductor Carleton Elliot. While raising her three children – David, Ann (Elliott-Goldschmid), and Grant – she was active as a recitalist, chamber musician, music festival adjudicator, and examiner.

During her retirement years, Patricia continued to practice daily and perform for her friends in the "Once in a While Club". Her last concert, presented at age 80, was recorded on the beautiful CD *An Afternoon Musicale*. Among her many interests, Pat was a member of the Altar Guild at St. Paul's Anglican Church, loved playing bridge every week, partying with the "Birthday Girls," and accompanying her many young musical friends.

Patricia was a Past President and Honorary Life Member of the New Brunswick Registered Music Teachers' Association; this year, she was also made the Honorary Chair of the 2012 Provincial Finals, organized by the New Brunswick Federation of Music Festivals. In recognition of her many contributions to music education in our province, the Elliott family and NBRMTA have worked together to establish the Patricia Grant Lewis Elliott Scholarship Fund. Monies donated to this NBRMTA fund will be used to defray the cost of instruction for students who would not otherwise have the financial means to study music. For more information regarding the Patricia Grant Lewis Elliott Scholarship Fund, please contact NBRMTA Treasurer Megan Woodworth.

Submitted by: Margaret Ann Craig