

Karen A. Nelson

October 3, 1942 – July 18, 2009



Dear Friends, Family and Students of Karen Nelson,

We lost a cherished friend and a talented musician when Karen Nelson was killed in a tragic automobile accident. Karen was a gifted pianist and a dedicated and inspiring teacher. She had a passion for music and enjoyed sharing her gifts with family, friends, and students. Her expertise in performance, teaching, and adjudicating were well established throughout Connecticut and beyond.

Karen held degrees in piano performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music and Yale School of Music. She continued her studies with Paul Baumgartner in Switzerland, with Leon Fleischer, and with Konrad Wolff. At the time of her death, she had been teaching students 5 to 82 years of age in her Westbrook, Connecticut, studio as well as students at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut.

To honor Karen's memory, the members of Middlesex-New London Chapter of Connecticut State Music Teachers Association have initiated a music scholarship with the Middlesex County Community Foundation. We invite you to continue Karen's musical legacy by contributing to this fund. The committee will award scholarships to young piano students who show promising talent and dedication in pursuing their piano study. Application forms will be available and auditions announced annually. Karen's talent and sincere interest in perpetuating piano performance have inspired our wish to keep her legacy alive.

Tax deductible donations may be mailed to Middlesex County Community Foundation, 211 South Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457; checks payable to MCCF Karen Nelson Fund, or through the website: www.middlesexcountycf.org.

Thank you for your support!

Joyce Baxter, Jane Bugbee, Donna Stamm

Scholarship Committee

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