

**2020**

**Tietje Zonneveld** passed away on Tuesday May 26, 2020 in Hospice Halifax. She was born in The Hague, The Netherlands, she received her education there - her first teacher was Willem Hielkema who introduced School Concerts to the country, studied piano under Jan de Man receiving a Master's in Piano Performance and Music Education. She emigrated to Kitchener, Ont., in 1968 making her new life there for two years before moving to Halifax after a visit, falling in love with the sea. She taught piano privately and at the School for the Blind, then invited to teach at Dalhousie University in 1976. She became an active member of the Musical Society of Halifax. Teaching, performing, recording for the CBC and making a name as a Collaborative Pianist in public as well as at the University where she held the position of Associate Professor until her retirement in 2004. For several years she also taught Aural Perception, Theory and Piano Skill classes.

She performed numerous Concerts for Nova Music, dedicated to Contemporary compositions. Her great interest and loves were teaching, playing chamber music with colleagues and vocal work; she displayed an extensive knowledge of repertoire and foreign languages. Meanwhile she was active as an Adjudicator for nearly all local Music Festivals throughout the Maritimes. After her retirement she was called back to the Dalhousie Piano class as a replacement for colleagues during sickness and Sabbaticals. She enjoyed the trust of her colleagues and students and was happy to be able to follow their progress. The reunions became happy ones. Her love of animals is well-known, especially of cats. She would very much appreciate any donations to the SPCA, Bide Awhile animal Shelter or any Organization dealing with animals in distress, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Hospice Halifax or the Scleroderma Society of Canada. She was predeceased by her parents, Jentje and Rinske (Wijga) Zonneveld; and brother, Joop. Survived in Holland by her sister-in-law, Marga; nephews, Arjen, Marcel, Peter and Wim; and her dearest friend, Ank Geul. A Memorial will be held at a later date when possible for all.