

Pauline Forrest

Pauline Linwood (Slipp) Forrest was born October 16, 1915 in Dorchester, NB. Except for brief periods of time, she has been a life-time resident of Woodstock, NB.

Her teaching career spans the years of 1934 to 1967 during which time she taught many different grades in Carleton County (with a brief period in Kings County) and served as school principal of Broadway School and later as assistant to the Carleton County Superintendent of Schools.

Over the years she has been active in professional organizations and in curriculum development. For many years she worked on Department of Education committees responsible for curriculum development and improvement in elementary schools. She was also a member of the NBTA and served on its Board of Directors. For over 35 years she was a member of the Canadian College of Teachers. In 1959 she was chosen to participate in the third and final Lord Beaverbrook Teachers' Tour of Great Britain. Prior to 1981 she served for many years as a volunteer at Woodstock's Muriel Lewis School, a day school facility for mentally challenged children.

Pauline has been the recipient of a number of prestigious awards. In 1967 she received the *Governor General of Canada's Award for community service*. In 1977, in a ceremony at the Woodstock Town Hall, she was presented the *Governor General of Canada's Caring Citizen Award*, a certificate and pin. Both awards are in honour of Canadians who display selfless dedication in their volunteer efforts for others.

In addition, on June 25, 2001, the Woodstock Rotary Club honoured Pauline with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, recognizing her outstanding service and faithfulness to the ideals of Rotary.

In November 2002, she was presented the *Golden Jubilee Medal* to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of her Majesty's accession to the throne as Queen of Canada. Pauline was recognized for her forty-four year career in education as rural school teacher, assistant superintendent and supervisor; service on Department of Education Committees; Board of Directors for NBTA; and volunteer at Woodstock's Muriel Lewis School for mentally challenged children.

On May 2, 2006, Pauline was honoured by the town of Woodstock on the occasion of the 150th birthday of the town as one of the 150 people who has made a difference in the

community.

Since her retirement in 1981, she devotes much of her time to volunteer work in her church, community and the Carleton Branch of the New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers. From 1987-1991 she was co-director of a Single Parent Group sponsored by the Woodstock United Baptist Church.

Besides her church involvement, Pauline has been a member of the Helen Good Mission Circle for sixty years and was presented with a Dominion Life Membership in the United Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Canada. Throughout the years she has served on numerous committees, taught Sunday School and was a charter member of the Christian Education Board.

In the Northwestern Association of United Baptist Churches, she has been a member of the Ministry Commission, 1985-1989, and has acted as custodian of Historical Records, 1985-2000. In summing up her service in the Woodstock United Baptist Church, Pauline says: "All service rendered has been to the glory of God and in gratitude for many, many blessings."

As if these activities were not enough to keep her busy, Pauline has served as chairperson and secretary, since 1986 until recently, of the Sunshine and Remembrance Committee of Carleton Branch NBSRT. Under her organization, volunteers from Carleton Branch visited annually retired teachers who were homebound or in special residential care facilities. She also looked after placing books in public or school libraries in memory of deceased retired members.

Pauline was actively involved as a correspondent from Carleton Branch for the New Brunswick Retired Teachers' magazine, Reflections. Many hours were spent collecting pictures and gathering material for the publication. She was also responsible for collecting subscription fees for the magazine.

In addition to Pauline's varied teaching career and her volunteer work, she possesses many character traits which have endeared her to her many students, friends and family members. Her interest in helping others, her ability to organize and get things done, her desire to make life a little better for others, and her tremendous zest for life add up to a truly amazing person. Her independence, positive attitude and her tendency to recognize and encourage the best in everyone and in every situation endear her to all who know her.

