



Jane Nelson of Achnacloich, a legend within our community, died aged 95.

She was born in New Jersey and moved with her family at the age of 14 to the Invergarry estate on Loch Oich. The fishing skills which she learned in Montana she honed on the River Garry. Her sighting of the Loch Ness Monster on September 30 1933 along with her sister and father was reported enthusiastically in the Inverness Courier.

In 1939 she married Ernest Nelson and went to live on his estate at Achnacloich where she spent her energies and knowledge of the natural world creating and developing a woodland garden. She could be found at all times of day and all seasons of the year in her beloved garden

After Ernest's death she developed a keen interest in the estate's herd of pedigree Highland cattle and became very knowledgeable in breeding and developing the herd, winning many prizes.

She will be particularly remembered for her involvement and generous support for many local charities including the Red Cross of which she was president for 20 years. She worked for over 30 years on the North Argyll Health Board following the introduction of the NHS in 1948.

Jane loved music and enthusiastically supported the Oban Music Society, she was chairman for many years, and sourced the Steinway Model S grand piano which allowed the Society to extend widely from within the chamber music repertoire. She was taught to play the piano by Vernon Warner, a pupil of Emile Saul, himself a pupil of Liszt.



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