

## **Tribute to Mrs. Jessie Stewart-Haggarty MBE**



Jessie Stewart started dancing at a very young age in her home town of Alexandria and quickly progressed to both a talented young dancer and competitor . Her dedication and hard work excelled her to start teaching at the young age of fourteen. Quickly adding students until the Stewart School of Dancing in Alexandria was formed.

Miss Stewart-Haggarty's students have been very successful in Examinations and Competitions winning every major Championship in Highland Dancing throughout the UK. Her expertise is known worldwide with students she has trained in Canada, U.S.A., Australia and many other countries.

Miss Stewart was one of the pioneers of the formation of the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. She was also an Adjudicator of the S.O.B.H.D. and Examiner of the British Association of Teachers of Dancing.

Jessie is also the recipient of many awards and tributes world wide, two of her most cherished memories was being the recipient of the Atholl Clasp and two Carl Alan Awards.

Throughout her gift of dance she has touched the lives of many young dancers and teachers worldwide. Her tireless efforts to pass on her knowledge and expertise in the World of Highland Dancing has inspired many.

Jessie you will be missed by many, loved by all and remembered for eternity. We thank you for your dedication, patience and love.