



Liz Pierce

1941 - 2005

The Calgary Highland Games Association lost a valued member this year, with the passing of Elizabeth (Liz) Pierce. Her tireless dedication to the Association was a vital part of the continuing success of these games for more than ten years, and her absence will be deeply felt. Liz spent endless hours of her time managing the finances of the Games Association in her role as treasurer, and all those who knew her also knew how uniquely suited for that position Liz really was. She had a well-known reputation for upholding the Scottish tradition of guarding financial assets, and would not authorize any form of transaction without an invoice. Her talent and attention to detail ensured the accurate and fair distribution of the lifeblood of the Games Association.

But Liz will be remembered mostly for her smile. Her indomitable spirit shone through in her ability to maintain a smile in all conditions, rain or shine. Liz could also pass that smile on effortlessly, and all who have had the privilege of knowing her can always claim to have some small part of that gift. She would always stand in the trailer doorway of the administration trailer, and watch the opening ceremonies and massed pipe bands. That doorway will be conspicuously empty at this year's games, an absence that will be felt by all. The smile she gave so tirelessly will be present in some small part in the knowledge that her chair isn't really empty, and that she's listening to the bands and peeking in on the dancing throughout the day. We know you're here Liz, but you are sorely missed.