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Academy Living Legend, Jo Eleanor Elliott Passes Away

Washington, DC (May 2, 2011) – American Academy of Nursing (AAN) Fellow Jo Eleanor Elliott passed away on May 1, 2011. Services will be held Friday, May 6th, National Nurses Day, at the Community United Church of Christ, located at 2650 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305.

Elliott was a Living Legend of the Academy, which is AAN's highest honor, commemorating the life-time achievements, influence and professional contributions of nursing's most accomplished individuals. She was recognized as a Living Legend in 1997.

"Jo Eleanor was highly influential in the federal government and created new expectations for funding for nursing," said AAN Board Treasurer Patricia S. Yoder-Wise, EdD, NEA-BC, ANEF, FAAN. "She was a visionary, and her work as President of the American Nurses Association highlighted important health care issues, forming the basis for endorsing many legislative actions to bring better health care to citizens."

Elliott served as the President of the American Nurses Association from 1964 through 1968, during which time ANA advocated support of the newly-formed Medicare program. Contributions may be made to the Community United Church at the address listed above or to the J.E. Elliott Scholarship Fund, c/o the University of Michigan School of Nursing, 400 North Ingalls, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

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