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I started piano lessons with Pauline at the age of 5. Since I lived in the country I went to school at McKinley and they lived across the street on the corner so I day a week I would walk over at noon and her cook would have ham cut up in macaroni and cheese which was my favorite food at the time and after I ate then I would have my piano lesson.

I can remember like it was yesterday one day at my lesson Pauline said I know you can sight read but I would very much like to know what you would sound like if you practiced, of course I was crushed because I was sure that I was pulling the wool over her eyes but not Pauline. Of course any of you who know me knows that only a few people could say that to me and still love her as much as before and that was Pauline.

Both Wayne and Pauline encouraged me to go to The University of Kansas 6 week music camp which was the best thing that happened to me. It let me know that there was a lot of competition out there and if I was going to become a musician I really had to work.

Whenever I was discouraged or wasn't sure what direction to take I always called Pauline. She never told me what to do just listened and asked questions and by the end of the conversation I knew what I was going to do. Even today whether good or bad I will call Pauline and after talking to her I know things are fine.

My knowledge of music and my ability to accompany I contribute to the wonderful training and support I got from Pauline and from Wayne.

What a wonderful couple and we that grew up with their influence are so lucky.

Pauline is like another mother to me and feel so blessed to still have her in my life.

I could go on forever Pauline, but just want you to know how much I love you for all you have done for me.

Happy Birthday!

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