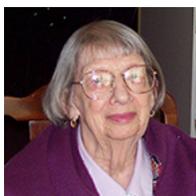


## Beloved Lessac Institute Teacher & Director Passes



It is with deep sadness that the Lessac Institute shares with you the passing of our beloved Senior Master Teacher and Director of Training Emerita, Sue Ann Park, who died on the morning of Saturday, February 27, 2016. She was 98 years old. She will be remembered as a legend, an icon, a brilliant teacher and champion of Arthur Lessac's work; an actor, mentor, and trailblazer.

Sue Ann Park had a remarkable career. She was an accomplished professional actor, director and teacher even before she became acquainted with Lessac's work in 1961 while teaching voice at the Goodman School of Drama in Chicago. She received her B.S. from Syracuse University (Speech and Drama) and her MFA from Yale School of Drama. For 43 years, she taught with Arthur, and sometimes without Arthur, but always sharing his vision and passion for sharing this work with actors, singers, directors, teachers and anyone who wished to uncover creativity within, using the voice and body. But nothing was as important to her as the journey she experienced within the work itself. As she stated in her *Vocal Visions* article, published in 1997, 'It has been a long and joyous journey of discovery, problem-solving and satisfaction.'

She co-taught at least 28 Lessac Summer Intensives with Arthur, led countless shorter workshops throughout the years, presented at numerous ATHE and VASTA conferences, and authored many articles for various publications. Her achievements were recognized with ATHE's Ellen Stewart Career Achievement Award in Academic Theatre (2006), VASTA's Distinguished Life Member Award, and Honorary Membership in and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Lessac Training & Research Institute. As it says on the face of that award, given to her at the Lessac Inaugural Annual Conference in 2006: "The Lessac Training and Research Institute extends heartfelt gratitude to Sue Ann Park for her lifelong devotion to maintaining the highest standards of teaching excellence in Lessac Kinesensic Training."

The Lessac Institute is gathering stories and remembrances for Sue Ann's memorial service. If you have a story or a memory you would like to share, please send it to Deborah Kinghorn, [deb.kinghorn@unh.edu](mailto:deb.kinghorn@unh.edu).