



PLYMOUTH MEETING FRIENDS SCHOOL



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Dear Friends,

It is with a tremendously heavy heart that I write to inform you that Carol Corson passed away on Wednesday, March 30. When I arrived at PMFS in July of 2019, Carol met with me and shared her Plymouth story. She proudly claimed that she attended her first PMFS Strawberry Festival *in utero*; and she grew up in Journey's End. Over the years, Carol's "commute" across campus took her into classrooms as a PMFS student (Class of 1951) and eventually as a beloved teacher during the '60's and '70s. Though her teaching path continued at GFS, Carol remained closely connected to Plymouth Meeting Friends School, serving on the School Committee and consistently offering her care and support of the school and our teachers over the years.

Carol's commitment to PMFS was unparalleled. In the fall of 2019, Carol joined me at the Conshohocken Street Fair to represent the school and inform the community about Plymouth. Decked out in her red PMFS t-shirt, Carol greeted passersby and shared pieces of her Plymouth story. Despite the 90 degree heat and the blazing sun, Carol was determined to do her part to spread the news about PMFS! In June of 2020, Carol returned to an empty campus to assist with connecting students to their belongings left behind during the mandated closure due to COVID. She brought that same determination and her love of Plymouth to help us on that sad day of farewells. As always, she recognized an opportunity to help and stepped in to do so.

Carol's longtime connection to Plymouth Monthly Meeting and her experience and expertise as an educator enriched her service on the PMFS School Committee. A fierce advocate for teachers, Carol always articulated the need to provide faculty with support of all kinds. She understood the responsibilities of teaching and the unique gifts that a PMFS education offers; and she frequently volunteered to help wherever and whenever needed. As a trustee, Carol masterfully offered a voice of reason and challenged us to hold on to the rich history of Plymouth while working toward the vision of the school's future. She focused on the success and growth of PMFS and claimed her role in lifting up our Plymouth story.

Since that first meeting with Carol, I have been in awe of her kindness, sincerity and persistence. She was unflinching in her love of PMFS and unwavering in her support of our school community. She had a strong desire to be of service to our school: *Tell me what to do and I'll do it. I'm not sure if you want my help or need my help, but I'll help the teachers any way that I can.* Those last few words, "any way that I can", sum up Carol's spirit. She exemplified John Wesley's famous quote, *"Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can."*

Not many communities can claim the gifts of light and love that Carol Corson brought to Plymouth Monthly Meeting and Plymouth Meeting Friends School. We are grateful for her kindness of heart and generosity of spirit.

Please join me in holding Carol, her family and friends in the Light.

In peace,
Brenda C. Crawley
Head of School

