



## **COLLEEN ADKINS**

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**COLLEEN WAS THE KIND OF TEACHER YOU DON'T FORGET. MANY TIMES A KNOCK ON THE FIRE ESCAPE DOOR WOULD BE A FORMER STUDENT DROPPING BY TO JUST SAY HI. FORMER STUDENTS ENTERING THE FIELD OF EDUCATION OFTEN REQUESTED TO HAVE HER AS THEIR MENTOR TEACHER. THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE GRANTED THAT HONOR WERE TAUGHT WITH THE SAME GUIDING NATURE & DETERMINATION TO BE AS FULLY PREPARED AS POSSIBLE EACH DAY, JUST AS THEY WERE TAUGHT TO DO AS STUDENTS DURING THEIR LATE ELEMENTARY YEARS.**

**IN HER ROOM YOU WERE A TEAM, YOU SOLVED PROBLEMS TOGETHER, BUT ALSO LEARNED TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY, HOW TO USE YOUR TIME WISELY & HOW TO HOLD YOUR GROUP ACCOUNTABLE. HER LESSONS OFTEN HAD AN ELEMENT OF PLAY TO GET HER STUDENTS INTERACTING & HELPING THEM MAKE THE LEARNING THEIR OWN. IT WASN'T A BOOK REPORT, IT WAS A COMMERCIAL. IT WASN'T A HISTORY PAPER, IT WAS A WAX MUSEUM. IT WASN'T ALWAYS A WEEKLY SPELLING TEST, IT WAS A WHOLE CLASS SPELLING BEE.**

**WHEN THEY LEFT COLLEEN'S CLASSROOM STUDENTS WERE TRULY PREPARED TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE PLAYGROUND & ENTER THE STRANGE NEW WORLD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, EVENTUALLY LEAVING THE HALLS OF OV & MAKING A MARK ON THEIR WORLD.**