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To whom it may concern,

I am approaching the board of selectmen in order to request a memorial plaque be made for Nanci Ortwein. She was a lifelong Arlington resident who was born and raised here and eventually passed this past September 2021 from a stroke. She was a lifelong dedicated teacher of Arlington high for over 45 years, acting as house dean for 3 years and student activities director. She was also a student of Arlington high, graduating in the year 1962. She dedicated her life to teaching her students, being a friend, being a mentor all at the same time as being a mother herself whom she raised all of her children in Arlington. As the Spanish teacher at the high school she lead her day-to-day classes, went on school trips with students to other countries to experience the culture, took on yearbook committee and graduation and put her all into making the best graduation and most beautiful graduation ceremonies for her students.

Myself and many of her students would like a memorial placed within the town to show her dedicated lifelong service to the town of Arlington, its students, and its residents. She was often a volunteer within the Townhall during election season among other volunteer opportunities. I always had the pleasure of seeing her post graduation when it was election time.

To me she was not only a teacher she was also my friend and I feel as though someone who has touched the lives of so many students should be recognized within the town of Arlington.

Thank you for your consideration.

Callie Martin