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Christa - 4 perspectives

These four pieces share some thoughts on Christa and are from teachers who worked with Christa as both a teacher and a fellow board member on the New Hampshire Council for the Social Studies.

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Prior to the fateful year of 1985, Christa was just one of us, typical of so many teachers in New Hampshire and all across the country. In fact, she really was one of those "everyday people" whom she liked to focus on in her history classes. She, like many other teachers, was a highly dedicated, caring individual who worked to improve the conditions she found around her. Whether it was taking the time to help an individual student, working to better the school environment, or being involved in improving instruction on a statewide level, Christa gave it her best.

Then came 1985.....As has often happened in the past, an "everyday person" was suddenly thrust up into the glare of the public spotlight. And oh, how she rose to the occasion! Overnight she became a hero, a national figure, a teacher to a whole nation. Yet, throughout all the attention and adulation, she sought to remain what she had always been - just a teacher working to do as good a job as possible.

And so, perhaps the way to remember Christa is to remember her as typifying the many teachers across the land who give of themselves and will continue to go on giving. These are the "everyday" heroes of history - and Christa was proud to be one of them.

Ron Adams

NOTE (Ron Adams is the President of the New Hampshire Council and worked with Christa on the Council's Executive Board as well as on the state and national Close Up Programs.)