

“The recorder is a welcoming instrument. It asks to be played in an ensemble, and invites ordinary folk to join in and make elegant harmonies. The recorder requires skill and discipline, but it also implies old shoes and jeans and coffee and jamming in a living room or church basement for the sheer pleasure of pastimes with good company. So when we recorder players lose one of our own, we lose more than someone whom we can count on to carry a part. We lose an old friend.” Mark Dawson, Chicago Chapter ARS, on the passing of our friend, Nancy Good.

The memories of friends and family we carry with us help fill that void left by their passing. What can we do to pay tribute to their memories? When Jeanne Lynch died in August 2013, there was an outpouring of financial support for many of the organizations where she was active, the ARS being one of them. Through donations in her name we were able to support several summer scholarships.

Other ARS chapters and consorts have turned to the ARS to honor their “old friends” taken too soon: The Adirondack Baroque Consort in honor of Margaret DeMarsh; Daniel Morris, Sondra Thompson, Somerset Hills, Jennifer W. Lehmann and Andrew Acs. The honor paid through bequeaths and legacy giving by families, friends, chapters, and consorts have become the backbone of our scholarship and educational outreach programs. The ARS has awarded more than \$57,000 in scholarships and grants since 1994.

In 2011, Montreal lost a warm and loving teacher of their own, Cynthia Campbell. She was a music teacher at the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf. She mostly played recorder with a couple friends in her home. Cynthia bequeathed the ARS \$15,000 in her will, which we received in 2014. It was a generous gesture and we are so appreciative of her support. The ARS created the *Legacy Circle* for opportunities such as Cynthia’s.

I hope you will check out our website for more information about our Legacy Circle. [http://www.americanrecorder.org/legacy\\_circle.php](http://www.americanrecorder.org/legacy_circle.php)

Will you consider including ARS in your estate plans? Please let us know if you need additional information. Your gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference in the future of the recorder and American Recorder Society.

-Laura Kuhlman

