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Henry Brooks Adams died before Nettie Mae Foreman Carter was born. Still, the American historian was talking about people like Miss Carter when he said, "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

For decades, Miss Carter taught Paterson elementary school children. Further, she was active in the Catholic Church and Paterson neighborhoods. People who knew her say she lived her faith and convictions.

As a teacher, she helped generations of schoolchildren lay the foundation for productive lives. In the community, she helped raise money so that Habitat for Humanity could build houses.

The 76-year-old North Carolina native died April 6, leaving legions to mourn her passing. They will also celebrate the effect she had on generations of schoolchildren and Paterson, a city she served humbly and tirelessly.

Miss Carter will be missed. But her influence will endure.

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