

Dear friends,

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of **Marilyn Ridgley**, one of the visionary founders of the Civics Learning Project.

Marilyn was a lifelong champion for civic education, dedicated to shaping the next generation of critical thinkers and community leaders. Whenever I met with the Ridgleys, they would warmly ask, "*How is our favorite nonprofit doing?*" That warmth was matched by a tireless work ethic; Marilyn's efforts were foundational to CLP, and her legacy will continue to guide our organization for decades to come.

Beyond her advocacy, we will remember Marilyn for her truly dynamic spirit. She lived a life of remarkable breadth—from running for the Oregon State Senate to taking to the skies as a licensed pilot. She lived a storied life in every sense, and I encourage you to read more about her journey in her obituary [here](#).

We will miss her deeply, but we take comfort in knowing that her impact is woven into the very fabric of our work.

Yours in community,

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