

It was Marta who. . .

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It was Marta who
Volunteered for any committee that needed help
It was Marta who
Opened her home to any provider wanting to come
It was Marta who
Served on every Family Child Care Association board position possible throughout the years
It was Marta who
Taught classes in quality child care, not just in English, but Spanish also
It was Marta who
Planned visiting days at her house for any provider who wanted to bring her children to play
It was Marta who
Translated numerous documents from English to Spanish for any organization needing them
It was Marta who
Made each person feel welcome whenever she was there
It was Marta who
Was a friend and mentor to hundreds of child care providers in her lifetime
It was Marta who
Fought for quality child care
It was Marta who
Always lent a helping hand
It was Marta who
Never wanted recognition for her wonderful deeds
It was Marta who
Cared for children who are now grown into responsible adults
It was Marta who
Taught her child care children to respect Mother Nature
It was Marta who
Thought picking flowers was a waste
It was Marta who
Went to school so she could learn to do a better job
It was Marta who
Believed in continuing education for everyone
It was Marta who
Supported child care providers by hosting support groups
It was Marta who
Taught us all the meaning of "selflessness"
It was Marta who
Never owned a dishwasher, by choice
It was Marta who
Touched everyone with unconditional love, especially the children
It was Marta who
Was well liked and respected by everyone who knew her
It was Marta who
Worked her whole life for her one goal "quality child care for every child"
It was Marta who
Always had a big Christmas show for her parents, where even the babies had a role to play
It was Marta who
Always had a hug for anyone she knew, and for strangers she wanted to know
It was Marta who
Taught everyone what it means to be a volunteer
It was Marta who
Planned for her death in advance, so as not to be a burden on anyone
It was Marta who
Leaves us all wondering what she is volunteering for now



It was Marta who leaves us feeling wonderful for having known her, and miserable for having lost her.