

## **THANK YOU, CHARLIE**

**The ancient and illustrious Eliot School's mission: "To satisfy that instinctive desire of human beings to create." Founded by John Eliot as a grammar school in 1676. For 46 years the admirable Charlie Sandler's mission to maintain with diligence and skill the time-honored structure and environment in which this creation would take place. The handsome schoolhouse kept ship-shape, the students' enthusiasm forever encouraged, and the saws and chisels ever sharp. A master of detail and method down to the numerous registration forms each carefully scribed in longhand with much help by wonderful wife and children. And also giving in to Charlie's good-natured cajoling, his merry band of old tradesmen friends around the town helping to execute some millwork or repair and maintain the many old machines and tools in constant need of care.**

**The enduring motivation which always won the day was Charlie's affection for people and his uplifting old fashioned charm. "Every girl is pretty, every boy is smart, every student talented."**

**His classes at the school: sawing, cutting, gluing, fitting, shaping, sanding, finishing, placing in your home to take pride in.**

**He diving into dumpsters in his suit when the moment required quick action for the tossed new sewing machines orphaned from the school department then brought home to the Eliot to equip the wildly successful upholstery classes.**

**And the course on gilding, world famous, most notable the Manhattan artist devoutly flying up each week on the shuttle to attend the storied class.**

**Your smile, your grace, your charm, your thrift, your talent for quick invention. Your wakeful watch over this ancient school, winning each day and carrying forward thus an honored tradition of learning, good fellowship, by your brilliant oversight, knowledge, skill, belief in miracles, wisdom, good humor.**

**Your outstanding fortitude.**

**Charlie, so many hold you so dear in their hearts**

**And down through the many wonderful years**

**By knowing you, knew craftsmanship.**

**In Tribute To A Great Teacher And Craftsman**

**Joseph Bergin, Carpenter Poet**