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Dear Martha Lou:

Forgive my long long delay in answering your letter, but many things have happened. Miss Forster was failing very badly and it was necessary for me to put her in a nursing home here. This meant that in addition to trying to keep work going, I made daily trips to this home and my correspondence has been woefully neglected. She died on the first day of January and for her sake, it must have been a great relief because of the long and terrible suffering she had following a shingles attack. You will remember her and I wanted you to know this.

I am hoping to go over to the Reservation before long and I will be going to the Rough Rock school, which I have wanted to see ever since it began. When I go, I shall look up your daughter. I don't know whether you have ever seen the book which I did entitled the Enduring Navaho, but this is a book both Miss Forster and I worked on for some 15 years. The University of Texas Press published it and it may be in your Princeton library. I hope that it will be and that you can see it.

It is good to hear a word from you after so many years. I was in Colorado Springs ~~before~~^{after} Miss Forster's funeral and had a brief glimpse of Hazel Brown and one or two other old friends; however, I returned with Miss Forster's niece and her two sons immediately and did not have time to get down to the school or to anything else.

When you write to your daughter Julie, you might mention that I may be along some time in the spring. I am most anxious to see the school because it is very outstanding.

My best wishes to you.

Laura Gilpin