



SHIRLEY SHAYER

OV EDUCATOR 1964-1986

SHIRLEY'S CAREER AT OV BEGAN AS A SCIENCE/ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR AT GUSTAFSON THEN MOVED TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WHEN IT OPENED IN 1967.

SHIRLEY LOVED HER JOB AND EAGERLY WENT EVERY DAY EXCITED ABOUT TEACHING. SHE ENJOYED THE UNPREDICTABLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE GROUP AND WAS GOOD AT UNDERSTANDING AND GIVING STUDENTS ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT WHEN NEEDED. MANY OF HER FORMER STUDENTS HAVE COMMENTED HOW SHE WOULD GO THE "EXTRA MILE" TO BE THERE WHEN THEY NEEDED IT MOST.

SHIRLEY LOVED TEACHING KIDS BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. SHE EVEN TAUGHT CANOEING DURING CAMP, ALTHOUGH SHE HERSELF WAS NOT A SWIMMER!

ONE THING SHE WAS PERSONALLY PROUD OF WAS THAT WHEN SHE RETIRED FROM OV, SHE LEFT WITH 180 UNUSED SICK DAYS. SHE ACTUALLY WAS NEVER SICK. IN FACT, AFTER HER RETIREMENT SHE WENT ON TO VOLUNTEER TO TEACH IN A GUATEMALA MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR TWO YEARS AND EVEN WENT TO RUSSIA IN THE MID-90'S TO TEACH ENGLISH. SHE WAS TRULY A LIFELONG LEARNER, EDUCATOR, AND A REAL ASSET TO THE ORCHARD VIEW COMMUNITY AND ITS STUDENTS.