



## **DONNA ROSE**

### **OV OFFICE SECRETARY 1967 - 1993**

**THE HEARTBEAT OF EVERY SCHOOL BUILDING IS THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WHATEVER THE ISSUE, OPPORTUNITY OR CHALLENGE OF THE DAY IS, IT USUALLY PASSES THROUGH THOSE DOORS AND NEEDS TO BE DIRECTED TO ITS PROPER DESTINATION. FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS, DONNA SERVED AS THE SECRETARY "CONDUCTOR" AT OVHS.**

**HOWEVER TO JUST CALL DONNA A SECRETARY WOULD BE VERY UNFAIR AS SHE WAS MUCH MORE THAN THAT. BEYOND ALL HER REGULAR OFFICE DUTIES SHE WAS EACH PRINCIPALS EXTRA RIGHT HAND. SHE WAS A "SECOND MOTHER" TO THE OFFICE AIDES THAT WORKED FOR HER OVER THE YEARS, GETTING TO KNOW EACH OF THEM LIKE THEY WERE HER OWN KIDS AND SHE WAS A MENTOR TO THOSE KIDS WHO TENDED TO SPEND TIME "IN THE PRINCIPALS OFFICE." SOMEHOW SHE EVEN FOUND TIME TO SERVE FOR AWHILE ON THE STATE BOARD OF THE MICHIGAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.**

**DONNA LOVED HER JOB BECAUSE SHE KNEW EVERY DAY WAS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT, IN MANY GOOD WAYS. SHE KNEW THAT BY DOING HER JOB WELL, EVERYONE ELSE'S' JOB GOT A LITTLE EASIER AND THE SCHOOL RAN A LITTLE BETTER. SHE KNEW THAT BY BEING THERE, SHE WAS MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE FOR HER OV KIDS AND COMMUNITY.**