



GERALD WALTER

OV TEACHER & ADMINISTRATOR 1970-97, 2003-07

FOR OVER 31 YEARS, JERRY WAS AN OUTSTANDING & MUCH LOVED TEACHER, COACH & ADMINISTRATOR AT OV. HE SPENT THE FIRST 16 YEARS TEACHING 4TH & 5TH GRADES AT GUSTAFSON & OV ELEMENTARY WHERE HE MADE LEARNING A FUN FILLED EXPERIENCE AND ALMOST WEEKLY TREATED STUDENTS TO LUNCH. LATER, HE TAUGHT FOR 2 YEARS AS A MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER WHO TRULY ENERGIZED HIS STUDENTS, EVEN LEADING THEM IN THE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD. HE WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL CARING MENTOR TO ALL HIS STUDENTS.

AS A PRINCIPAL AT ALL LEVELS, JERRY WAS A CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE & UNIFYING FORCE WITH THE STAFF, WHILE NEVER LOSING SIGHT OF HIS HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING. AT OVHS JERRY ESTABLISHED ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES & PROVIDED ADDITIONAL STAFF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. HE BROUGHT NEW LIFE TO OUR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY & RETURNED GRADUATION TO THE CAMPUS.

JERRY LOVED OV & SHOWED THAT SO OFTEN BY INITIATING & VOLUNTEERING FOR COUNTLESS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION TO HIS EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, OVER THE YEARS HE HOSTED SEVERAL FIELD TRIPS, CELEBRATIONS AND GATHERINGS AT HIS FAMILY FARM.

HE WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE OV EDUCATION FOUNDATION, PROVIDING FUNDING FOR MANY SPECIAL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICT. HE ALSO CHAIRED THE OV WALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE THAT HIGHLIGHTS & HONORS OUR EXEMPLARY GRADUATES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS & STAFF WITH PLAQUES LOCATED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS. MOSTLY THOUGH, HE IS A PROUD OV CARDINAL FOR LIFE.