

# Cynthia "Cindy" Hyre Feltz '57

Cindy Hyre Feltz grew up in Northridge, graduating from NHS in 1957. She was an honors student, senior class secretary, President of Student Council, student conductor of the band, and a member of JCOWA. Off to "The" Ohio State University, she earned a B.S. in Education in 1961. She spent the next five years as a junior high teacher in Huber Heights and San Antonio, Texas. The next several years were devoted to parenthood.

In 1984, she earned an M.S. in Education from the University of Dayton. She tutored learning disabled students until 1988. From 1986 to 1992 she taught adult education at Miami Jacobs College, working with welfare moms to gain skills, employment, and life changes. From 1989 to 1999, Cindy was the director of religious education and pastoral associate for a church. Her responsibilities included children's ministry, adult education, teacher training, nursery, and visiting homebound and shut-ins. In the meantime, Cindy was attending United Theological Seminary and earned her MA in Religious Education in 1995. In 1995, she also earned the Rev. Charles L. Rummel Award for Religious Education Leadership in Rural Settings. She is currently working towards a doctorate at United Theological Seminary.

One of Cindy's passions for most of her life has been the drums. She was in the school band and was encouraged by then Band Director, Hugh Sauer. She played in the Ohio State Activities Band and in an Ohio State sorority combo. She was a drummer for musical theater while in San Antonio, mentored and taught drummers at elementary school while in Fairborn, played in the Fairborn Community Band, accompanied church services with drums and accessories for over 40 years, has presented original story telling with drums for adult groups and school children since 1977, and has played in professional bands for over 40 years.

Cindy is quite active as an alumna of Northridge High School and Ohio State. She is involved in the Class of '57 reunions and the Snowbird reunion in Florida. She is a member of the Ohio State Alumni Association of Greene County and has served as secretary, treasurer, and member of their Board of Directors.

Cindy has been married to John Feltz for 43 years. They have two

children—John, an electrical engineer and Andy, an optometrist—and three grandchildren.

Cindy says she learned the great truths in life from having grown up in Northridge. From parents, teachers, neighbors, and others she says she learned to respect authority, to be resourceful, to not fear taking risks, to accept differences, to have fun, and to be loyal.