

Mary Geiger

Mary was born in Allen County to a farmer and an elementary school teacher. Teaching runs in the family and from early in Mary's life, she knew that she would be a teacher, too. She graduated from Bluffton College with a B.S. degree in elementary education. She moved to the Dayton area in 1959 and began her teaching career at Morrison Elementary. She later met her husband, Charles Geiger, Jr., a Northridge native. They have two daughters. The older daughter, Jill, carries on the family teaching tradition as a reading and English teacher at Olentangy High School near Columbus. The younger daughter, Tracy, is an Associate Analyst at MTC in Dayton. Mary and Charles are the proud grandparents of Jordan and Alec, daughter and son of Jill and her husband Ron Martin.

Mary was a dedicated educator for thirty-four and a half years teaching first, second, or third graders at Morrison Elementary School. After retirement in 1994, she has kept busy. Mary and her husband are charter members of the Vandalia Butler Historical Society. She is an active member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She is a regular volunteer at Wegerzyn Gardens where she is an associate board member, works on fundraising for the Gardens, and participates in the Children's Garden Program. In 1999 Mary completed her degree as an Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener. This program has allowed her to participate in River Scape, the Farmers' Market, and Junior Master Gardeners. She enjoys membership in the Green Acres Garden Club and in the Garden Club Federation. In her spare time, she studies with the Miami Valley Genealogy Society and goes square dancing with her husband, Chuck.

Mary still has a strong connection with Northridge Schools, keeping in contact with former students and establishing a scholarship program. To date fifteen students have received monies for their college education. Mary says that Northridge "is my second home."