

Sharon Hastings Gibson '57

Sharon Hastings Gibson has viewed the Northridge schools from almost every possible angle. She spent the last 54 years either attending Northridge schools, working for the Northridge schools, serving on the Board of Education of Northridge Schools, or parenting children through the Northridge Schools, and generally being a cheerleader for the Northridge Schools.

Sharon is a Yankee Doodle baby—born on the 4th of July, 1939. Moving to Northridge at the age of ten, she graduated in 1957. She began her position of secretary to the Superintendent the same year. She was secretary to Charles Tarzinski and Hugh Sauer until 1971, when she decided to be a stay-at-home wife and mother for 10 years. In 1983 she went back to work (not that wife and mother isn't work) for the Northridge Schools as a substitute secretary. Shortly thereafter she began working for the Montgomery County Schools (Montgomery County Educational Service Center) as a secretary-receptionist. She retired from the Montgomery County Schools in 1998. For two years (1999-2001) she worked as secretary for the Masonic Learning Center for Children. She has spent the last few years baby-sitting grandchildren while mom and dad work.

She has served on the Northridge School Board for four terms (16 years), beginning in 1988. During her tenure with the Northridge Schools Sharon has worked behind the scenes for several organizations, typing and printing programs for the PTA, Northridge Athletic Association, Northridge Band Parents, and the Northridge Committee for Better Schools. She also served as team mother for five years for Little League softball at Grafton Kennedy.

Sharon has been married to Clarence "Woody" Gibson for 37 years. Woody has been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for 13 years and is wheelchair-bound. They have three children (Kevin, Kim, and Tricia—all Northridge grads) and several grandchildren.

"If a person could have her own personal "Hall of Fame," mine would be filled with people from the Northridge Schools," said Sharon. "It is here that I learned many of life's lessons. It is here that my fondest memories

were created. It is here where friendships were made, and cherished memories were etched into my heart and mind. I was so blessed the day my family moved to this community. I am truly grateful to those who played such a significant role in my life. They were Northridge educators and they made a difference in my life!"