

Charles Hardisty

Charles Hardisty is the first teacher to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. He was born in 1941 and graduated from NHS in 1959. He received his bachelor's degree from Kent State University in 1963 and his master's degree from the University of Dayton in 1987. Mr. Hardisty taught math for 26 years and was responsible for bringing computers to the high school at a time when very few area schools had them. He created a computer lab in the high school and at the time of his battle with cancer he was establishing a robotics lab.

At NHS Chuck was advisor to Hi-Y and served for many years as assistant band director and Polarette advisor. He scored compositions for the jazz ensemble and the spring musicals, including "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." He played in the Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble at Sinclair College.

He was known for his excellent carpentry skills and ran a small remodeling business. Using these skills, he built his computer lab and many sets for plays and musicals.

He was a member of Beardshear United Methodist Church and was a member of the choir. He was a lifetime member of Kappa Kappa Psi, Beta Psi chapter and was an active member of the Northridge Education Association.

A student said of Mr. Hardisty in the February 11, 1982 issue of Bear Facts, "He is an understanding and patient teacher who takes time to help his students. He seems to care a lot. He respects his students as individuals. Most of all he acts like a friend to students."

He died in December 1988 after being diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor and donated his body to medical research at Wright State Medical Center. A scholarship was established in his name for college-bound science and computer students. In 1990 he was inducted as an honorary member of the Northridge Honor Society. Mr. Hardisty had two children, Rebecca and Steven.