

Frank Kelley

Mr. Kelley was a member of the Board of Education for five terms (1946-1966). During those two decades, he helped guide the district as it grew from one to five buildings. He served while John Morrison and Charles Tarzinski were superintendent. He was born near Needmore Road in 1914 and has been a lifelong resident of Northridge. He graduated from Parker High School in 1932 because Northridge didn't have a high school. His wife Anne was in the first NHS graduating class (1934) and their children (Nancy - 1956, Dale - 1962, and Carey - 1965) all graduated from NHS. Realizing the importance of sound financial support for our schools, Frank has loyally written letters to the Dayton Daily News supporting each school tax levy during the past two decades.

Mr. Kelley worked for 42 years at Reynolds & Reynolds in the offset plate-making department, starting at forty cents an hour. He is a charter member of Northridge Kiwanis, having served as its charter vice president and a member for 51 years. He has also been a dedicated parishioner and choir member at Beardshear United Methodist Church for 60 years and a member of the Masons since 1942.

Several years ago Frank - along with Paul Taube, Ward Weikert, and Everett Hyre - helped compile a history of Northridge by recording their memories on videotape.

Service to schools and community highlight Mr. Kelley's life and have led to this recognition.

"Anyone who ceases to learn, ceases to live."
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