

## *Patricia L. Manders*

Patricia L. Manders was born December 6, 1949 in St. Louis. She graduated from McClure High School in 1967 and then attended UMSL. There, Patricia worked for the Dean of Education. UMSL had a job fair for school districts in Jefferson County, where she met with the superintendent of Northwest and was later hired.

Patricia began teaching at Cedar Hill third grade in 1971. At that time the principal, Mr. Ferguson, had two buildings to manage. Cedar Hill had third grade to sixth and Maple Grove had kindergarten to second. The following year, third through fifth grade moved to Maple Grove Elementary. Patricia taught third grade for two years and then moved to fourth grade. After sixteen years in fourth grade, she moved to first grade. She stayed in first grade for eight years at Maple Grove and then transferred to House Springs Elementary where she taught first grade for six years. During Patricia's thirty-two years of service, she served on a variety of committees that allowed her to meet many other district teachers.

After retiring, Patricia began substituting at House Springs Elementary and did volunteer work. Most days, she can be found walking her dogs and going to the gym.

Please help me congratulate Patricia Manders on being inducted into the Northwest Hall of Fame as a Disingenuous Educator!