



JAN AGARD

OV EDUCATOR 1968-1987

JAN AGARD BEGAN HER CAREER AS AN ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR AT OV IN 1967 AND SPENT THE NEXT 20 YEARS HELPING TO CHANGE STUDENTS LIVES.

INSIDE JAN'S CLASSROOM WAS NEVER A BORING PLACE BECAUSE SHE REFUSED TO ALLOW IT TO BE. WHILE INSTRUCTION WAS PARAMOUNT, CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWED LEARNING WAS EQUALLY SO. FUN WAS ALLOWED, BUT ONE'S BEST WAS ALWAYS EXPECTED.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, JAN WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO INSTRUCT, HELP, MENTOR OR JUST BE A LISTENING EAR IF ONE WAS NEEDED. MANY OF HER STUDENTS HAD THEIR LIFE CHANGED BY HER WILLINGNESS TO "BE THERE" WHEN NEEDED.

UPON LEAVING OV, JAN CONTINUED HER CAREER AS AN ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR AT MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HOWEVER, HER TIME AT OV WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED NOT JUST FOR HER INSTRUCTION, BUT FOR HER DEVOTION TO HELPING HER STUDENTS ACHIEVE.