

CARLYN HODDE

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Retired: **Yes**
Spouse: **James**
Children: **2 daughters**
Grandchildren: **3 girls, 2 boys**



Hobbies: **Volunteering, Playing Piano, Reading, Baking,**
Attending Grand-kids Athletic Events

IN THE LAST TEN YEARS

I just want to thank the Lord for directing my path & His hand of blessing on my life over the past 50 years.

After graduating from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, NE, I taught Grades K-2 in a school near Grand Island where I met my husband, Jim Roth. Within a year after our marriage we moved to Detroit, Michigan where we ministered together for 40 years in the same Christian Elementary School where I taught all the grades from K to 8th finally serving as principal of the school. 17 years ago we moved out of the city, but continued to teach in the inner city school until our retirement in 2006. Now we volunteer at our church two days a week, helping with outreach to the community sharing the love of Jesus especially with the children. I serve as pianist & worship leader, Bible Teacher, treasurer and part-time volunteer secretary at the church. Since my youngest daughter had a stroke 10 years ago and came to live with us, our life is filled with helping her raise her daughter. But the joys have far outweighed the responsibilities as we see our granddaughter off to college in the fall.

My passion is to serve wherever the Lord leads me, especially investing my life in other people. The Lord has given many opportunities: I lead a Support Prayer group at my granddaughter's high school, serve on a Christian Camp Board & an inner city children's outreach program, serve as a group leader for a Community Bible Study Class, and bake lots of chocolate chips cookies for the kids on my grandchildren's athletic teams. Attending all the grandchildren's school & athletic events keep us young and give us a full life.

Jim & I will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary this August and we rejoice over all the blessings the Lord has given us - each other, our precious family, a life filled with Christian purpose and, most of all, the promised of eternity with Jesus.

Since we are unable to attend the reunion, we pray the Lord's abundant blessing on each of you, my fellow classmates. May the Lord bless and keep you.

