

Mary Ruth Crandall



Former teacher, coach, dean of students, and athletic director Mary Ruth Crandall took her place in the Hall of Fame, Class of 2008. Mrs. Crandall began her career at Hopewell-Loudon in 1977 as the junior high English teacher. As well as being a highly respected educator, Mary Ruth also coached track, cross country, and volleyball, and served as an advisor for cheerleading, quiz bowl and senior class. Her love of high school sports led her to become the athletic director, a job which she held until her retirement in 2000. Mrs. Crandall was voted Ohio Athletic Administrator of the Year in 2000 by the Northwest Ohio Athletic Administrator Association. She remained active with high school athletics; each spring, she could be found working at many area high school track meets.

Her devotion and influence on those whose lives she touched in her many roles at Hopewell-Loudon did not end with her retirement. Through the Mary Ruth Crandall Scholarship, several Hopewell-Loudon students pursuing their post-secondary education benefited from her generosity.

In her retirement, Mrs. Crandall continued to support and serve the Hopewell-Loudon School Community on various committees, was a member of the Board of Education for four years, and was a true Chieftain fan.