

RETIREE SPOTLIGHT

We are delighted to share our retiree showcase for our faithful colleague and beloved Bus Driver, Mrs. Colette Freeman.

Mrs Freeman began her driving career 18 years ago, first as a substitute, then after 3 years became a full-time driver.



Before that, she worked as a stay-at-home mother raising her two children with her husband. Jim Morrison, Director of Transportation notes, “Colette was always willing to help out and was passionate regarding her job duties. She has agreed to sub drive which just goes to show her willingness to help out even in retirement.”

When asked what her favorite part of the job was, she fondly shares that it was the students, whom she lovingly referred to as “her kids.” Colette especially enjoyed getting to know them and letting them get to know her, as well. Talking with them and hearing their stories is very dear to her heart. She shared that she has “hailed kids and is now hauling their kids.” She has most enjoyed her fellow drivers and their camaraderie throughout the years. In addition to the personal relationships she has developed, Mrs. Freeman has taken great pride in the upkeep and presentation of her bus and the way it looked. Colette noted, “I always wanted to leave a good impression.” Fellow driver and friend, Sue Graziano shared, “Colette’s strong work ethic and high standards gained her the respect of her students and co-workers. It takes a special person to be a school bus driver. Not everyone can or wants to turn their back on 40 students and drive down the road, but she did it for many years and did it well.”

Her plans for the future include spending time with her family and traveling around the United States with her husband. She is looking forward to spending time in Indiana with her twin sister, extended family and friends. At home, Colette looks forward to caring for her multiple gardens, working outside on the property and canning from her garden. Her parting words of wisdom are to drive slowly through life. She shared, “It seems like it takes forever, but the days are flying by.”

We wish Colette a wonderful retirement filled with time with friends, family and her garden!



Mrs. Colette Freeman

20 Years