

NORTHWEST WRESTLING

Hall of Fame



~ Elizabeth "Betty" Ross ~ Contributor

Elizabeth "Betty" Ross was a life long resident of Clinton, Ohio. She attended Clinton High School and married her high school sweetheart, Harold. Together they had nine children all of whom graduated from Northwest High School. Betty was widowed with seven children still in school. She never mastered the art of driving, yet always made sure she had a vehicle so that the kids had transportation available for all their extracurricular activities. She stressed the importance of being involved in school functions and supported all children, insisting they give their best. She was respected in the community and known as a loving, honest, hard working mother who instilled these qualities in her children. Three sons: Randy, Jerry, and Bradley earned twelve varsity wrestling letters. Two daughters: Sandy and Marissa were devoted scorekeepers and members of the Northwest Invitational Tournament Queen court. The children

earned letters and recognition in other activities but wrestling was the factor that made them known as a sports family. Northwest held large tournaments here and teams would come from all over the state and out of state. Betty offered her services as "Coordinator of Tournament Housing." She would man the phones and locate lodging for as many as eight of the sixteen teams. This undertaking provided housing for full teams, coaches and managers. Free housing proved a factor in continuing to attract strong teams from a distance. Over the years, there were Ohio teams from Toledo, Coshocton, and South point. State champion teams from Conner, Kentucky and Parkersburg South of West Virginia enjoyed the "Northwest Experience." The team housing project met with approval and received compliments for the Northwest Community's hospitality for years. Betty worked and retired from Alside and was employed during summers at Clay's Park Resort. Betty passed away in 2002, and her greatest joys were her children and her grandchildren

- "Mrs. Ross made a major contribution to the young Northwest Wrestling program". - **Coach**

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- She was a great cook, and could make a small "mean" broiled steak when we were trying to make weight!" - **Team members**

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