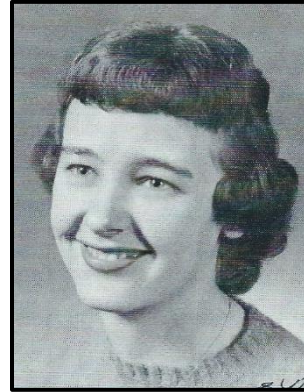


## *Sue Settle Stierwalt Class of 1959*

### *Ephrata Alumni Association Noted Alumni*



Sue Settle graduated Ephrata High School in 1959. Upon graduation, she attended Kinmann Business University before obtaining a job with Grand Count PUD, where she gained a business sense of hard work and dedication. She married her high school sweetheart, Jay Stierwalt, and they raised a son and daughter. They recently celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary where they have resided, Spokane, for the past 53 years.

Sue was very active in her children's extracurricular affairs, always the first parent to volunteer her services wherever she could make a difference. In addition, Sue served on the Board of PTA's, Board Director of Silver Spurs (a local teen performing dance troupe), always a volunteer chairperson on community charitable campaigns. Sue has always been an advocate for kids. Her family hosted three exchange students and she was Area Coordinator for the student exchange program in the Spokane area for two years. She was responsible for approximately thirty students and their host families. She worked as a liaison to help facilitate a positive experience for the students and their families alike.

Sue worked at various positions for the Riverside School District, from secretary in three different school buildings, to bookkeeper, to Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. She was responsible for the implementation of a community newsletter "Inside Riverside" which is still in publication today. Sue planned and coordinated many social events including Teacher Appreciation Day Breakfast, Bosses Dinner, staff holiday parties, was instrumental in forming the Secretaries Council for the District, coordinated a Ski School Program with a local ski resort, 49 Degrees North, for many years as well as enlisting her husband's expertise in painting graphics on the elementary school hallway walls to the delight of teachers, students and staff alike.

Sue has always been a true entrepreneur. While working at Riverside School District she opened a small Pizza-Ta- Bake shop in Deer Park. This was a novel idea at the time (before Papa Murphy's, etc.). She later sold that business and began to work as a real estate agent.

Her very first year as a Realtor, Sue won awards and was named in the Million Dollar Award Category for the year. She not only sold real estate, she became an Assistant Broker, Director of Agent Services, recruiter; trainer; rewrote the Relocation Packet for her company; designed a "closing" gift for agents; designed a Recruiting Packet to attract new agents; taught specific real estate courses, organized and

handled all aspects of a “Cruise the Caribbean for Credits” for 30 Realtors; was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Spokane Association of Realtors. Sue was chosen to represent the company with the relocation of new members into our community; and she designed and authored a company-wide newsletter, serving three offices within the company.

And, Sue assisted her husband as President of his corporation, Stierwalt Corp.

Upon her retirement, she pursued her love of scuba diving, travelling, and hosting family and holiday events. She loves her small piece of heaven north of Spokane with three ponds, deer, ducks, dogs, birds, bonfires, fishing, hunting and just nothing.

Born a true Leo, Sue exemplifies it all. She is strong, resilient, hard-working, dedicated to the cause, a leader and an honest, passionate and devoted friend. Growing up in Ephrata since the third grade, she feels so blessed and gives thanks for those precious years and all she learned. The experiences of learning from teachers, administrator, neighbors, and classmates have been immeasurable. The greatest education of all – an Ephrata Tiger!! And, best reward: Grandchildren!