O-M bids farewell to. . . Ma Shrout



NURSES: Seated-Sally Jo Smith. Standing-Linda Halpin (Substitute Nurse), Janet Leiby (Office Aide). Not Pictured: Katherine Henry.



B.Chapman, S.Larison, M.Stevens, J.Voorhees, M.Cole, A.Cole. 4th-M.Pound, F.Seymour, D.Cantineri, P.Craver, I.Tanner, P.Glover. Not pictured: B.Tilden, R.West, C.Vary.

From 1968 to Feb 1989, a very special person occupied the tiny office in our cafeteria. She was Mrs Verna Shrout, our cafeteria manager.

In her 20 years of serving lunches, Mrs Shrout saw many changes in our school. Fads came and went, hundreds of students passed through the district, and our tastes changed. Mrs Shrout and her 'Baker's Dozen' watched our favorite dish evolve from pizza to macaroni and cheese.

Mrs Shrout was never known as a quiet, reserved person. In fact, many were the times that she called herself 'very controversial'. In the 1970's, she helped students in a boycott of meat to protest the skyrocketing price of beef. She served a meatless menu for one week. In the process, she received flack from local farmers, and much attention. Her name was heard as far away as South Carolina and Manitoba, Canada.

After retiring, Mrs Shrout planned to travel, bird watch, and spend time with her family. She said that she would miss her work, especially 'The ladies I work with, the faculty, and the kids. I just love the kids. That's why I've stayed so long.'

We love you too, Mrs Shrout. Thank you for all of your hard work and imagination.