



Ardelle Tangquist Anderson

Ardelle Tangquist grew up on a farm west of Viking. She attended school in Viking for grades 1-8, graduating from Newfolden High School in 1952. After attending Thief River Falls Teachers Training for one year, Ardelle was hired as the 3rd and 4th grade teacher in Holt. In 1956, after marrying Hal Anderson, she was hired as a 3rd and 4th grade teacher in the new Viking Elementary. She taught until 1962, when she took some years off to raise her family. Ardelle returned to teaching in 1967, teaching in Viking until retiring in 1999. She was then a substitute teacher for 10 years, teaching everything from kindergarten to high school shop class.

She earned her Bachelor of Science Elementary Education degree from Moorhead State College in 1972.

Chosen as MCC Teacher of the Year in 1985, she had this to say, "It was a challenge to me, as a teacher, to have a part in helping to build into my students the type of character and leadership needed by our nation and the world. I worked diligently to have a classroom characterized by politeness, cooperation, mutual respect, shared responsibilities, humor and cheerfulness."

Ardelle was inducted into the MCC Wall of Honor in 2019.