



COLLEEN ROBERTSON

CORA BAILEY AWARD RECIPIENT 2020

Colleen Robertson was the unanimous choice of her fellow teachers for the 2020 Cora Bailey Award. She has contributed outstanding service to our Palmerston Branch (Area 2) during her term as President. She is presently the Secretary for our Branch.

Colleen will be honoured both locally and provincially, with flowers, a framed certificate, and will receive a Cora Bailey pin. Her history as an educator will live on in the RWTO-OERO Archives.

Colleen graduated from The University of Toronto in 1979 and began her teaching career in Instrumental Music at Norwell District Secondary School in Palmerston. After a number of years, Colleen received her credentials and became a Consultant in Special Education for The Upper Grand Board of Education (formerly Wellington-Dufferin). Colleen returned to Norwell for her remaining years as Special Education Head at Norwell D.S.S. Colleen retired in June of 2010. Her teaching career spanned 31 years.

As President of our Palmerston Branch, Colleen emphasized the RWTO-OERO's motto of CARING AND SHARING. She was active in our Branch's charities. Colleen also organized a yearly memorial slide-show, combined with music for our annual spring service honouring deceased members.

In her retirement, Colleen continues to share her love of music as organist and choir director in local churches. She is a French horn player and joins other musicians from The University of Toronto who are also retired and reside in her new community in the Bancroft area.

Colleen and her husband have two grown sons and one grandson. Her other interests include gardening, baking, cooking, and traveling.

Colleen is a loving and faithful friend to all who know her.