

# Debbie Disher

Redwood Falls Class of 1975



Debbie was born February 24, 1957 in Redwood Falls. She was the oldest of 2 children born to Marge and Dick Scoates. She graduated from Redwood Falls High School in 1975. She credits her parents for teaching her to work hard and care about those around her.

During her high school years, Debbie worked in a nursing home first as a kitchen aide, then cook and then nurses aide. As a high school student Debbie was a student library aide where she enjoyed her love of books and watched her high school librarian read books and give students the evil eye. Later on when she considered becoming a librarian she thought back to this time and thought if she was a librarian she would have time on the job to read books, she later learned that was a very rare occasion when one had time to read a book on the job. It should be no surprise that as a high school student you could find Debbie with a novel inside of her math, social studies, science or Spanish book. Do you suppose her teachers had any idea?

Debbie attended Mankato State University where she planned to get her nursing degree, but quickly realized that her love of children and books would bring her to a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Library Science. Later on, she received her Master's Degree in Information Media from St. Cloud State University. She came to Holdingford in 1979 as the Elementary Librarian, where she was greeted with a library that was in chaos. The previous librarian had been in the process of rearranging the library when she received another job offer. During her time in Holdingford, Debbie had the opportunity to see and implement many library changes including automating both the elementary and high school libraries, desktop computers, the move from overhead projectors to computer projection systems, iPads and Chromebooks. During her time at Holdingford she was involved in the building process of the new elementary and helped design the media center. She also rounded up volunteers to help paint and rearrange the high school media center. She was fortunate to have a media/tech team that worked well together and was able to meet the needs of staff and students. In 2015, she retired from Holdingford School District.

Debbie married her high school sweetheart, Mike Disher in 1976. Debbie and Mike have two grown children, Taunja Warga (Charles) and Josh Disher and two grandchildren, Kiely and Mason. Debbie and Mike have also hosted 9 exchange students over the years. Debbie enjoys spending time with her family. She loves to play games with them and cook meals for them.

In retirement, you may find Debbie enjoying her passions including: spending time with family, entertaining friends, Bible study, enjoying time with her church family, 4wheeling with Mike, pontooning, reading a book or subbing at one of the Great River Regional Library branches.

Debbie feels very blessed to have had the opportunity to spend her career serving the Holdingford School District.