



GILMANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Alumni Spotlight

Graduate: Lois Ann Sather Balk
Class of 1952

After High School: 2-Year College, then 4-Year college with a Reading Specialist/Elementary Teacher degree, and after that, an Elementary Principal degree.

Career Information:

I was employed by Alma Area Schools as a Teacher/Reading Specialist, and then as Elementary Principal.

Career Highlights:

Opportunity to work with K-12 students and staff.

Organized the Youth Alliance for a Drug-Free Alma. Our group was recognized for its accomplishments and we were invited to the White House and met with President Bill Clinton.

Other Accomplishments:

I had the opportunity to help develop and be a leader of the Buffalo-Pepin County Teen Court.

Advice to Current Students:

**“ Enjoy the time in school.
Be involved in studies and
participate in positive activities. ”**

Strengths of Gilmanton High School: Small schools give one the opportunity to know all students and families along with staff.

Fond Memories: Meeting great and lasting friends!

Current Information: Presently retired and living in Alma, Wisconsin. Involved with family and friends, served on City Council - being Mayor of Alma, and also serve on Wings Over Alma & Enhance Alma.

I was married to Larry Balk, who is recently deceased. Son Randy Balk is the President of Intercity State Bank in Wausau, Wisconsin. Son John Balk just recently retired as the Co-owner and President of Telecommunication Consulting Associates based in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lois was nominated for the GHS Alumni Spotlight by Charles Michaels