

2019 Dale Foor Cornerstone Award Honoree  
**S H A R O N C R E M E A N**

RESIDES: GAHANNA, OHIO

Prior to beginning her teaching career at Lincoln Elementary in 1988, Sharon (Blackburn) Cremean was no stranger to Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools. Cremean attended Gahanna schools from third grade until her graduation from Gahanna Lincoln High School in 1964, the first class to graduate from the “new” high school. A 1968 graduate of The Ohio State University, Cremean later became very active in the PTA and many school volunteer programs as her three children attended and graduated from Gahanna schools.

Cremean was a reading specialist at Lincoln Elementary for 20 years before retiring from Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools. While at Lincoln Elementary, she became a National Board Certified Teacher and spent three weeks in Japan as part of a teacher exchange program provided by the Fullbright Memorial Teacher Fund. She also authored Beginning Reading

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Recovery books for McGraw-Hill, publishing seven of her books in 1996.

After retiring in 2006 from Gahanna-

Jefferson Public Schools, Cremean became a substitute teacher and continued to volunteer at Lincoln and Blacklick Elementary Schools as a reading tutor. In addition, Cremean now services many children throughout the area with her efforts at The One-Room Schoolhouse in Gahanna, next to Lincoln Elementary.

Cremean is responsible for finding and training “schoolmams and schoolmasters” to lead day-long field trips at the schoolhouse. Every third-grade class in Gahanna comes to the schoolhouse as well as scout troops, senior groups and many other local organizations.



“Sharon has dedicated an enormous amount of time to scheduling tours for the One-Room Schoolhouse,” said

longtime Gahanna resident and GLHS teacher Tom Gregory. “In order to coordinate all these groups, it takes a tremendous amount of time and creativity. So many Gahanna students are better in the long run for all that she has done.”

Cremean currently resides in Gahanna with her husband Steve and is proud to have the GJPS tradition continue as her grandchildren are now students in the Gahanna schools!