

## Rose Scanlon



Rose was born in Grant County and was blessed with four brothers. She thinks that is why she was named Rose as in a "Rose among Thorns" Just kidding of course!

Rose attended Fennimore high school where she graduated in 1962, Later that summer, she moved to Madison working at American Family Insurance for just six weeks before she started getting job openings available for the State of Wisconsin. Rose made a career switch and started with the old Highway Department in October of 1962. She also started taking evening Accounting classes at MATC. In December of 1964, she was hired by the Finance Section in the Conservation Department as an Account Clerk, eventually advancing to an Account Examiner. Rose thought it was time for a change and in December of 1965, Robert Conners, Head of Personnel, talked her into joining his staff. She transferred to the Personnel Section which at that time was only comprised of only five employees!

Rose remained in Personnel, which eventually was changed to Human Resources the rest of her career. She held different positions through the years and became the Payroll & Benefits Supervisor in February of 1994. She retired from the State, officially, on her birthday in May of 1999 after 36 1/2 years of State service. Through the years, Rose

especially enjoyed her numerous contacts with employees but was ready to join the ranks of the retirees!

She spends some of her retirement time volunteering but also loves to travel.

In 2002, she traveled to Australia with two nieces and then on to New Zealand by myself for a few days. While in New Zealand, Rose took a helicopter ride to Mt. Cook. Considering she hates heights, she felt pretty brave climbing on board the chopper.



Rose on Mt. Cook, New Zealand  
2002

In 2005, she and friends sailed away on an Alaskan Cruise. They spent three extra days in Victoria, British Columbia visiting the Butchart Gardens. The trip ended in Vancouver, Canada where they visited Stanley Park and the Totem Poles.



Totem Poles, Stanley Park  
Vancouver, Canada, 2005



Three years ago, Rose made a goal to visit all 50 States and many more foreign countries. Have suitcase - will travel.