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Judy has worked for TOSHA since June, 2004. Prior work experience includes 13 years as a high school Chemistry and Physics teacher in Jefferson County, TN, and then 13 years working as an industrial hygienist / safety supervisor in a chemical manufacturing plant in Lowland, TN. This plant was the last remaining rayon fiber plant in the U.S. and has since gone out of business.

Being in the health consultation program has been a wonderful experience. Small employers request the service, so they want you to come in to provide them assistance. Programs are reviewed. Air and noise sampling, if needed, is provided free of charge. Being able to work with small companies who really want to improve the working conditions for their employees is a satisfying job.

She received a Bachelor's degree from Carson Newman College in 1974 (was that really 35 years ago?), a Masters of Public Health in Health Planning from U.T. Knoxville in 1982 and then returned to take the industrial hygiene classes at UTK in 1989 – 1990. The itch is now returning to start the studying again – maybe a good time to try for the CIH !

Outside interests have included working with stained glass, needlework, taking classes in fabric recovering of aircraft (you didn't know small planes were covered with fabric, did you?), working with a local humane society, and being a board member of the historical Rose Center in Morristown. She has been a member of the TVS-AIHA organization since being with TOSHA and currently serves as Secretary.

Having lived in the East Tennessee area all of her life, she and her husband Ron live on Cherokee Lake, along with 4 dogs and 2 cats. There is always room for one more! They enjoy boating, taking back road rides on their motorcycle and spending time with their two grandchildren.