



Dr. Charlotte Moore was born in the summer of 1949 in Florence, Alabama. Florence was the same town that her Grandmother, Flora Karney, owned and operated the *Campus Inn*, a small intimate diner. The *Campus Inn* was located on the edge of what was at the time Florence State Teachers College and it catered to the students, faculty and staff at the college. Her Grandmother envied the opportunities that these young people had to intellectually grow and be guided by incredibly talented professors. Grandma Karney had an insatiable thirst for learning but at the time she had to make a living. So her opportunities for satisfying that thirst came much later in life. When she could, Grandma Karney audited and/or enrolled in courses that would help her in her business as well as courses that just appealed to her desire to learn. She took courses in business, accounting, history, painting, photography and more yet never graduated with a degree! In her mid-eighties, she could be found in the art studio at the college learning how to use acrylics in a still life painting! Her respect for education lives on in the heart of her granddaughter! Charlotte fortunately inherited her zest for learning!

A 1967 graduate of Warner Robins High School, Charlotte continued her educational journey at the University of Georgia (UGA) receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in History (1971). She wanted to continue taking

courses by starting at the beginning of the college course catalog and enrolling in every course that sparked an interest. Unfortunately, like her Grandmother, Charlotte could not afford to take this road.

Upon graduation from UGA, Charlotte applied to teach history at the Houston County Board of Education (HCBE). At the time, the personnel director told her that there was not a need for history teachers, but there was a need for a Reading Specialist at Northside High School (NHS). Charlotte was hired with the caveat that she would enroll and graduate from Mercer University with a Master's degree as a Reading Specialist (1972). Needless to say, this allowed her the best of both worlds! It also was the beginning of her 30 year tenure at NHS.

Even though her first 12 years teaching reading proved to be extremely rewarding, Charlotte wanted to pursue career opportunities in school administration. In order to meet the criteria for positions in this field, she had to return to college and take additional courses that qualified her in school administration (1981).

In 1984, the HCBE approved Instructional Coordinator positions at the high school level. Charlotte was named to that position at NHS. It was in this position that Charlotte was cross trained to assist students, faculty and staff with all matters regarding the academic environment and its intersection with other activities within the school. This allowed her to become more knowledgeable about individual student's needs. She loved being a part of the solution for helping not only the students but also faculty and staff by finding solutions to various issues. While in this position, Charlotte returned to the University of Georgia and earned her Specialist degree in School Administration (1985). It was also during this time, that she decided to pursue her doctorate in Educational Administration.

In 1987, Charlotte was named Assistant Principal at NHS. Dr Charlotte Moore (1989) could not have been better prepared for this role. She had already been an integral member of the Northside family for 16 years. She believed in the students that attended NHS and thoroughly enjoyed her between class walks and interaction with them. It was her goal, to know the name of every student and hopefully a little bit of information about them. She wanted them to know, when they crossed that stage at graduation and she said their name and how proud she was of their accomplishment, that they knew they were a part of a larger *Northside Family*. Dr. Moore served in the Assistant Principal capacity until her retirement in 2002.

Throughout the years, Northside High School became an extension of Charlotte's own family. Her work role and responsibilities began to merge into her own family life; each family enriching the other. Charlotte was able to share her work life experiences and opportunities with her husband of 51 years Ronnie Moore. Ronnie became and continues to be an avid supporter of Northside. Charlotte and Ronnie welcomed two eagles into their life. Christopher (Marisa) is an Attorney in Woodstock, Georgia and Jenny (Shad) is a Pharmacist and Equine Therapist in Camner, Kentucky. Charlotte and Ronnie also have four grandchildren: Ella, Hadley, Ansley and Patrick.

### *What does Northside High School mean to you?*

I first walked through the doors of Northside High School at 21 years of age, eager to start my teaching career. It didn't take me long to know this was where I wanted to be and these are the people I wanted to be around. Northside High School from the very beginning embodied the meaning of *family* and this *family* encouraged me to be my BEST self. I am forever grateful to be a Northside Eagle!