

Patsy Clouse Hutto was born in Memphis, Tennessee. She moved to Warner Robins in 1958 and attended Lindsey Elementary, Tabor Middle School, and Northside High School. She was an honor graduate and a starting forward on the Northside High School girl's State Championship basketball team. Patsy was also selected to the Georgia All State Basketball team.

Patsy attended Middle Georgia College and then graduated from Georgia Southern with a degree in Health and Physical Education. She added a Master's degree in Health and Physical education and also Science and Administration. Her final degree was a Specialist Degree in Leadership and Administration from the University of Georgia.

Patsy married her high school sweetheart, Ronny Hutto in 1971. They were married for 38 years until his death in 2009. They had two children, Andrea and Ryan. All her children and grandchildren attended or are currently attending Houston County schools.

Patsy taught at Northside Middle, Northside High School and Perry Elementary. She was one of the first women coaches in Houston County and was instrumental in establishing the girls' softball and track and field programs at Northside High.

Patsy briefly worked as assistant principal at the former Elberta Alternative School for Principal Danny Carpenter. She was then named principal at Perry Elementary and was there for eight years. While she was at Perry Elementary, the school received several awards for excellence.

Patsy then was appointed principal at Quail Run Elementary where she served for five years. During her years as principal at Quail Run Elementary, the school also received several awards for excellence.

Patsy was a member of the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals for 13 years and was named the District's Georgia Distinguished Principal. She retired in 2002 and worked for Middle Georgia RESA where she served as a leadership coach for principals in Bibb County as they went through the GLISI process. She also served as a leadership coach for Houston County assistant principals participating in the Rising Star Program. In 2007, she came out of retirement to serve as Executive Director for Elementary Operations in Houston County with David Carpenter's administration. Patsy retired again in July 2009.

What does Northside High School mean to you?

From my time as a student to my time as a teacher and coach, NHS developed in me a love of learning that exists even today. School teachers and leaders such as Matt Arthur, Ed Dyson, Belva Lunsford, Coach Fountain, Coach Shaver, and many more, encouraged me to believe in myself and know what I could achieve.