

*Danny E. Peterman* – ALUMNI



Danny Edward Peterman was born May 15, 1950 to his parents Walter Bernard and Rhunelle Peterman. Attended Westside Elementary, Tabor Junior High and finally a Northside High Eagle graduating in 1968. Danny attended Valdosta State College with a B.A. in Speech where he met the love of his life Tollyan Densmore of Ball Ground, Georgia. He and Tollyan have two daughters, Natalie P. Mattson and Cynthia P. Greer, plus three busy grandchildren: John and James Mattson and Olivia Greer.

At Northside Danny won every Speech and Drama award available. He was one of the first recipients of the National Thespian Award for High School Students. He was the President of the Thespian Club, member of Student Council, Beta Club, member of Speech and Drama Club, member of Pep Club, Pianist for the Choral Department, member of FTA, served as a Library Assistant, Time Clock operator for both girls' and boys' basketball, and statistician for all baseball games. He was voted as a Senior superlative as

“Most School Spirited”. The NHS Booster Club awarded him the #1 NHS Booster for 1967-1968. Danny was a member of the first State Men’s Quartet in 1968 and received second place in the Regional Solo voice competition. He was a member of the All-State Chorus for 1967 and 1968.

Danny’s involvement continued at Valdosta State College in the fine arts both in drama and music. He was a member of the VSC choir, VSC Drama organization and a member of the Wesley Foundation Drama troupe. We traveled and performed plays all over the state of Georgia. In his spare time, he served as Staff Director for the Valdosta Little Theatre for 1970 and 1971. Danny was selected in 1971 as a member of Who’s Who Among American Universities and Colleges.

Danny has had the unique privilege of being vi-vocational all during his adult life-giving equal parts serving his Lord and Savior as a Deacon and Minister of Music at numerous churches. He worked for various tax appraisal companies in South Georgia before ultimately retiring from the State of Georgia Department of Revenue as the Property Tax Division’s Assistant Director. He received the Governor’s Award for Outstanding State Employee for 1983 and served as Red Cross Blood Coordinator for the Revenue Department for eight years, he is a member of the “100 pints donor club.” After State Retirement, he taught music at North Georgia Christian Academy in Ellijay and at Wildwood Christian Academy in Marble Hill, GA. In 2007, Danny received “Teacher of the Year” at NGCA.

Danny has faithfully served as pianist or organist at Azalea Baptist Church in Valdosta, First Baptist Church in Adel, Pine Crest Baptist Church in Cordele, First Baptist Church Woodstock, First Canton, and served as Minister of Music at Atlanta Street Baptist Church in Roswell for 21 years.

Danny loves decorating his home for every holiday throughout the year. Plays cards with friends and loves to travel. He stay’s busy working in the yard and on his property. For the past twelve years he has been Chairman of the Peterman Family Reunion of Middle Georgia, including genealogist and overseer of the Midway Cemetery, Butler. Danny is the Founder and Chairman of the Ray Horne Scholarship program at Northside High School.

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

Where do I begin, my personal school involvement and connection to many remaining teachers and school mates are cherished memories that keep me going. My mentor, Ray Horne instilled in me the desire to stay busy, help others and use my talents to the best of my ability. I try on a daily basis to help others. If you look at my senior picture, the Aquila, you find a quote from Stephen Grellet: “I shall pass thru this world but once; any good thing therefore I can do, or any kindness I can show to any human being let me do it now, let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.” That sums up my life.