

*Shirley Skinner Lowery* – FACULTY



Shirley Skinner Lowery was born in Johnson County, Georgia, to Roa H. and Bertha Schwalls Skinner where she was fifth of six children. She attended Adrian High School where she was Valedictorian in 1953. Shirley participated in many school activities such as Beta Club; girls Basketball and Softball; Future Homemakers of America High School chorus and 4-H club programs. Following graduation, Shirley went to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College where she earned a BA in Home Economics in 1955. While at Abraham Baldwin, Shirley was active in Girls' basketball, the Wesley Foundation Drama Club, and Chorus. She then continued her education at the University of Georgia where she earned a B.S. in Home Economics Education and graduated in 1957.

Shirley's career began with the University of Georgia Extension Service in Oconee County and with three 4-H clubs. She eventually moved to Northside Middle School and became a home economics teacher. Shirley then moved over to Northside High School and became the Home Economics teacher and sponsor of Future Homemakers of American and Prayer Club. Shirley became an essential part of our drama club program by providing and creating costumes as well as sewing vests for our Chorus program. She was a definite asset to our growing NHS family.

Shirley then took her talents to the new Houston County Vocational school where she oversaw Entrance Tests and GED tests. Then as the educational programs expanded in Houston County, Shirley moved to the Middle Georgia Technical College as Director of Student Information Systems and, subsequently, Director of Student Services.

Shirley also was committed to community service and took her educational experiences to the Houston County Board of Education where she served as the District 6 At-Large elected Representative from 1991-2002. Shirley also participated in activities at First United Methodist as well as the Warner Robins Women's Club and Junior Women's Club as well.

Shirley was married to Dr. C.B. (Ben) Lowery for 62 years before his passing in 2019. Their three children, Benjamin, Susannah, and Johnny, all Northside Eagles, were actively involved in the many activities at NHS. Shirley and her family truly know that Northside High School is a very special place where "It is always great to be a Northside Eagle!"