

Jane graduated from A.L. Miller Senior High School, in Macon, Georgia, in 1968. After graduation, she attended Macon College for one semester and then pursued a career in bookkeeping. She married Grady Adams in 1970, and had her only child, Dyron Adams in 1972. In 1976 she enrolled in Fort Valley State College where she found that the math classes were the most enjoyable, and soon after, she found herself in mathematics education classes. While at FVSC she became a member of the National Scientific Honor Society, received certificates of Honor for Academic Excellence, and during her senior year, earned the highest cumulative average in the math and physics department. She graduated with honors with a degree in secondary math education from Fort Valley State in the Spring of 1980, and in 1989 was awarded the Alumni Mathematics Award. She later earned a master's degree in mathematics education and Teacher of the Gifted Certification from Georgia Southwestern College and AP Calculus Certification from Oglethorpe College. She also received Applied Math Training, Graphing Calculator Training, and became a Georgia In-Tech Trainer. Last year she was inducted into the Houston County Teacher Hall of Fame.

A math position became available at Northside High School during the spring of 1980. She gladly accepted that teaching position when it was offered to her by Mr. Matt Arthur. That was the beginning of becoming a part of the Northside Family which became her second home and extended family. She became involved in extracurricular activities such as the Math Club, Anchor Club, Pep Club, and Students Against Drunk Driving, (S.A.D.D.). She also served as a cheerleader sponsor and senior class sponsor.

What does Northside High School mean to you?

My husband graduated from Northside in 1966, but I did not know how special Northside High School was until I started teaching here. I am proud that my son, Dyron, and both grandsons, Jake and Trey are Northside graduates. My favorite sports team is Northside Eagle Football, and since 1980, I have missed very few games. I am so grateful to Mr. Arthur who was my principal during the Spring of 1980, but Mr. Ed Dyson was my principal and mentor for the remainder of my teaching career. It was under his leadership that I learned just how special the faculty and staff are at NHS. To be a part of a school with so many regional, state, and national championships in activities such as drama, ROTC, debate, and athletics is a rare opportunity. I will always treasure my time at Northside and will continue to shout it loud and proud that, "It's Great to be a Northside Eagle!"