



Mike was born in Commerce, Georgia, March 17, 1947, and is the only son of Herman and Eva Ginn. His dad and mom were farmers after his dad returned from WWII in 1945. Their attempts at farming were not productive and in 1949 his dad moved to the little town of Warner Robins to begin work at Robins Air Force Base. After selling the cows, pigs, and chickens, Mike and his mom soon followed in 1950. He and his family moved into a duplex on Scott Circle and later to McArthur Boulevard where he began life-long friendships in the streets and back yards of the neighborhood.

All of Mike's early education was in Houston County public schools. He attended Westside Elementary School, Rumble Jr. High School, Warner Robins High School; and graduated from the new Northside High School in 1965. While at Northside, Mike was a member of various clubs and organizations; and was elected the Northside's FIRST senior class president by his fellow

classmates. He not only carried out the responsibilities of his elected office in 1965, but after graduation he has been responsible for planning and coordinating eleven class reunions, collecting and disseminating information about classmates, and representing his class at Northside functions.

After graduation from Northside High School, Mike continued his education at Young Harris College in the North Georgia Mountains. While at Young Harris, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and served as president of the SPAT Club, a service fraternity. During his time Young Harris, Mike enjoyed hiking in the mountains, fishing in nearby lakes, and spending time with local residents in the community. In 1967 Mike transferred to The University of Georgia where he completed his bachelors, masters, and specialist degrees.

In 1969 Mike began his teaching career at Rumble Junior High School where he taught industrial arts for one year, serving under Principal Mr. Ben Dickinson. The second year at Rumble, he was selected to coordinate the PECE program (Program of Education and Career Exploration) which exposed students to careers by visiting and working in local businesses. In 1971 Mike returned to his alma mater to coordinate the work/study DCT program (Diversified Cooperative Training) for the next 14 years. Mike's greatest reward is seeing former work/study students and hearing of their successes due to the training received in his program. His remaining 14 years at Northside were served as vocational coordinator and assistant principal. In 1999 he retired, after serving 30 years in the Houston County School System. While at Northside, Mike had the privilege of serving with two great educational leaders, Matt Arthur and Ed Dyson, who were very influential in his career.

Mike has attended All Saints Episcopal Church for over forty years and has served his church in many capacities including junior and senior warden. He is married to Wynette, who is also a retired Houston County educator. They have been married 51 years and have two children, Sarah and Matthew; and four grandsons, Colter, Reid, Davis, and Eli. Mike and Wynette love to travel in retirement and have visited many foreign countries as well as extensive domestic travel. They, also, enjoy time at their lake home with children, grandchildren, and friends. When time allows, Mike likes building and restoring old cars.

*What does Northside High School mean to you?*

Family is a strong word. It means security, safety, understanding, forgiveness, one-for-all, support, and most of all, love. Northside is synonymous with family and means to me all the things the word family implies and more. Northside was and is my family.