



Judy Phillips was born and raised in Atlanta, GA and graduated from Forest Park High School in 1969. After graduation she attended North Georgia Technical College to pursue a career in cosmetology. She moved to Warner Robins in 1975 where she worked as a hairdresser for more than 40 years. She married the love of her life Tom Phillips on June 29, 1993.

Judy had a love for football and knew that she had to decide which team she would support. She had no ties to either school and picked the Eagles despite living on “the other side of town”. She began supporting Northside Football in 1976 and her commitment never waned. During football season you would see her wearing her Northside Blue and White and cheering for her beloved Eagles. Both of her children Eric Knight and Candace Mize (Knight) attended and graduated from Northside. Candace was actively involved in cheerleading which landed Judy as an avid booster club member and supporter. As a booster club member from 1992-2019, she held several positions on the board including secretary for many years and 1st vice president. Judy was also in charge of planning and organizing the yearly football banquet where the athletes were recognized for their outstanding achievements throughout the season. The banquet would often have up to 200 or more attendees. Part of planning the banquet included arranging catering and decorating. Judy would use the many photographs that she took of the football players, coaches and cheerleaders throughout the football season as part of the decorations for the banquet to highlight each athlete. During her time in the booster club, she was instrumental in fundraising by selling souvenirs and programs at each home game. She and Gloria Synder were in charge of buying/selling souvenir shirts and other merchandise. They chose designs, ordered in various sizes and sold at each open booster club meeting and all home games. Judy and her husband Tom were also instrumental in purchasing the booster club trailer. Every year during the fall Northside Booster club had a booth at Mossy Creek Barnyard festival selling hotdogs, hamburgers, chili and lemonade that she was tasked with overseeing, planning and organizing.

*What does Northside High School mean to you?*

Northside High School meant family, friendship, support and dedication. It meant a love for football and athletics. For many years and even through her death she would tell anyone that she met that would ask her what team do you support and she would always say “Northside, the RIGHT side, the ONLY side, the BEST side is NORTHSIDE”.