

Shirley S. Grant

I was born and raised in rural Habersham County, Georgia. I am the only girl in a family with 5 other male siblings. Needless to say, I grew up as a “Tomboy”. My parents were very strict, yet sacrificed a lot to make sure that all 6 of us kids had just what we needed to achieve our goals in life.

I attended a three room schoolhouse with three teachers for grades 1-7. We were a wonderful and close knit community school. After elementary school, I graduated from North Habersham High School and entered the University of Georgia where I received a BS in Elementary Education and later received a Masters Degree from the University of South Carolina.

I married my high school sweetheart, Jeff Grant, who received a scholarship to play football for the University of South Carolina Gamecocks. We are the parents of one child, Jill G. Oliver, our son-in-law David Oliver, and grandsons, Dylan and Dixon. We call ourselves a “House Divided” because all Grants are Georgia Bulldogs and the Olivers are all Gamecocks. It certainly makes for a fun time during football season.

My teaching began in Columbia, South Carolina in 1964 and ended much later in my hometown of Clarkesville, Georgia for a total of 47 years of service. Teaching has always been a passion of mine, and I never take for granted my education because sometimes there were struggles and stumbling blocks along the way. I cherish and value every moment that I spent in the classroom. How rewarding it is to meet some of your former students and have them say, “ Mrs. Grant, you made learning fun!”