

MITTIE B. MILLER *The Trojan Award*

W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1962



Mittie Viola Bullock Miller is the youngest of seven children born to Cary F. Bullock and Catherine D. Bullock in Tarboro, NC. She grew up in the 600 Block of St. John Street in East Tarboro. Her brothers, Cary, Gordon, Lewis, and Milton; plus, her sisters, Marion and Martha made growing up in a large family so much fun.

Mittie is a 1962 graduate of W. A. Pattillo High School where she sang in the choir and played the alto horn in the band. In 1966, she received a Bachelor of Science degree from Fayetteville State College (now Fayetteville State University).

Following graduation from Fayetteville State, she served as a first, third, and fifth grade teacher in the Tarboro City and Edgecombe County School systems. She taught at W. A. Pattillo, Princeville, Bridgers, and Stocks Elementary for 30 years before retiring in 1996.

After retirement, Mittie spent years taking care of her mother and volunteering for about five elderly family members and friends. She would take them to their doctor's appointments, hair appointments, grocery shopping, and any other places that they needed to go because they could not drive.

Mittie has been married to Earl Miller for 56 years. They met in August of 1966 on the first day of school for new teachers. A daughter, Monica, was born to this union.

She has attended Union Baptist Church her entire life and has been an active member for 63 years. Her mother and maternal grandparents were also active members of the church. Mittie has served as Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, Senior Choir member, and director of the Junior Choir. She has also served on many church committees. Union Baptist has worship services on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

For 24 years, Mittie has also attended worship on 2nd and 4th Sundays at St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church where her father and her paternal grandparents were active members. She also participates in most of their activities. Both are considered by Mittie to be her church.

She is a member of the Phoenix Historical Society, Edgecombe/Nash Chapter of the N. C. Retired School Personnel, The Rocky Mount Moles and the Rocky Mount Quettes. She is also an active member of the W. A. Pattillo High School Alumni Association where she serves on the Scholarship Committee and is affiliated with the Edgecombe/Nash Chapter of the Fayetteville State University Alumni.

The memory of growing up in East Tarboro attending W. A. Pattillo and Union Baptist Sunday School leaves Mittie with a happy, warm, fuzzy feeling. She loves her hometown and continues to reside in Tarboro with her husband.