



Edward James Dyson III, the third of five children born to Edward Dyson II and Lorene Williams Dyson was born and reared in Southeast Georgia on a farm owned by his grandfather. Edward, from an early age, acquired the reputation of being a caring and responsible young man--taking care of younger siblings and cousins. His elementary years were spent learning to pick and cure tobacco, and playing basketball with his two older brothers--Marvin and Bill. He loved education and learning about world events. One of the events that sticks out in his mind is the day his 4th grade teacher told him that President Harry S. Truman fired General Douglas MacArthur. He graduated from Center High School in Waycross, GA and attended Fort Valley State College on a Basketball scholarship, where he studied mathematics education. In 1964, he began as a teacher of mathematics in Perry, Ga. Shortly after beginning his career in education, he married the woman who would become the mother of his three lovely children, Silvonía. In 1967, he was drafted into the military where he spent two years serving his country in Germany. Upon his returned to Perry in August of 1969, he resumed his high school teaching and coaching career.

In 1970, he was transferred to Northside High School in Warner Robins, where he continued teaching mathematics and coaching football, basketball and track. At one point, he even coached the Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad. While teaching, coaching and mentoring, he received his Masters of Education and Education Specialists from the University of Georgia and became the Assistant Principal. In December of 1980, he moved up the administrative ladder and became principal of NHS, a school he had grown to love. During the next 20 years, under his leadership, Northside High School reached great heights. While serving as principal, Mr. Dyson not only served in an executive capacity, but he also made himself available to the student body for any tutoring they might have needed. Although he was regarded as a strict disciplinarian, even to this day, many of his students remind him of his methods that helped straighten them out and how appreciative they are. Respected as a community leader and role-model, Mr. Dyson still remains as one of the most recognizable symbols of education and support in the Houston County School System. His commitment is evident in his visibility. He can be seen at various school wide programs throughout the county. He is one of the organizers and contributors of the Northside's weekly football devotion services. He provides speakers and inspiration to the athletes as they prepare for competition. Whether it is Literary competitions or State Football Championships, Mr. Dyson takes it as his duty to be a consummate supporter of the students of the Houston Country School System. He most recently retired as Executive Director of Secondary Operations from the Houston county School System. Northside High's baseball field carries the name of this True Blue Eagle as a reminder of his value and the respect placed on his leadership.

In addition to his service in the educational realm, Mr. Dyson has been instrumental in the spiritual lives of so many. As a member of First Baptist Church of Garmon Street, he has served as a shining example of what a faithful walk with God with enable you to accomplish. He has always been vocal about his love for Christ and will forever give Him all glory, honor, and praise for the great things He has allowed to happen in his life.

Mr. Dyson and Silvonía have been married for 52 years and have three (3) children and ten (10) grand children, and (1) great grandchild. As of this bio, he has one more great grandchild on the way – August 2019. The Dysons are both retired as full time educators, but continue to work with the children of the Houston County school system. Both are members of the First Baptist Church of Garmon Street. Mr. Dyson also serves as Chairman of the Deacon's Ministry at First Baptist. He has served as director of Houston County's YMCA, chairman of HoDAC of Houston County, chairman of Hospital Authority of Houston, and is currently a member of the Hospital Authority of Houston County.

### *What does Northside High School mean to you?*

This is a loaded question, to say the least. Northside means excellence. Northside means effort. Northside means pride. Northside means family. Northside is who he is. He truly bleeds true blue. There is so much of him that is because of Northside and there is just as much of Northside that is because of him.