



Brenda Sue Castleberry Littlefield was born in Macon, Georgia, January 31, 1947. She grew up on various farms in Crawford County, Georgia, with no phone, no indoor plumbing but lots of love from family! One of her favorite activities as a young child was playing with her father's "coon hounds" and reading. She attended Crawford County Elementary and graduated from Crawford County High School in 1965.

After high school, Brenda attended Georgia Southwestern College where she majored in English and Education and minored in French. While at Southwestern, she was a member of the inter-dorm council, on the Dean of Women's committee to bring sororities to the college, and editor of the college newspaper, *The Sou'wester*. She was also a contributor to the college creative writing journal *The Sirocco*.

It was while she was at Southwestern that she met her husband, John Littlefield, an Air Force veteran and also an English major. She and John were married in August of 1967. In the fall of 1968, Brenda was assigned to student teach at Warner Robins High School where John had taken a job as an English and journalism teacher. In February of 1969, Brenda was hired to teach English at WRHS and sponsor the JV Cheerleaders. She remained there until June of 1970 when she and John moved back to Americus where he became Sports Editor for the *Americus Times-Recorder* and Brenda taught English at Staley Jr. High School. In the spring of that year, John was offered the job as assistant principal of Rumble Jr. High. At the end of the school year, expecting their first child, they moved back to Warner Robins. In August, when their daughter Millie was 3 weeks old, Brenda was hired by Matt Arthur to come to Northside and teach. She remained an English teacher at Northside for the next 38 years!

At Northside, Brenda taught English in all grades, was sponsor of the Student Council for more than 15 years, was sponsor of the school newspaper, *The Quill*, and began, when her daughter reached high school, to work with the annual one-act plays and spring musicals designing and sewing costumes. In 1977 she and John welcomed their son Sid to their family.

John passed away in 2002 and Brenda continued to teach at Northside. In 2004 she retired but returned and taught senior English and Humanities for an additional 5 years. She fully retired in 2009 in order to stay home and keep her daughters 18 month old twins and her son's new baby daughter.

Since retiring, Brenda has spent her time helping with her 6 grandchildren, continuing to work with the drama program with costumes, serving for a time on the Board of Directors of the Miss Warner Robins Scholarship Corporation, and judging pageants.

Since 1971, there has been a member of the Littlefield family teaching at Northside. Millie returned to Northside as a special education teacher and then moved to the central office as a program specialist with the special education program. The next year, Sid moved from Peach County High School to Northside to teach English and Humanities. Family is what Northside is about!

What does Northside High School mean to you?

Northside means security and continuity. After all, there has been a member of the Littlefield family employed at Northside since 1971.