

# Mr. Ray Horne



**Mr. Ray Horne** was born on November 8, 1936, in Eastman, Georgia. After graduating from Hawkinsville High, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Georgia Teachers College in Statesboro in 1960.

Mr. Horne has served a total of 40 years in the Houston County School System. He began working at Northside High in 1963 as a speech and drama teacher. After retiring from the classroom with more than 35 years of service, he later returned to Northside to work part-time in the front office.

Mr. Horne's students have won more region and state one-act and literary awards than any other teacher in Georgia. Called "The Living Legend" by many, he has garnered many awards during his career. He has been inducted into four other Halls of Fame – Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi and the International Thespian Hall of Fame. In 2004, the Georgia High School Association (GHSAA) named a statewide award after him. The *Ray Horne Award* is the only GHSAA award named after an individual. The Northside High School theatre also bears his name.

Active in the community, Mr. Horne has many accomplishments to include president of the Morning Optimist Club, Warner Robins Realtor Citizen of the Year, Jaycee Man of the Year, nominee for Charlie Jones Award and Middle Georgia Arts Council Award for Contributions to Arts. He retired in 2000, yet continues to be actively involved at Northside High and in arts and literary programs from the local to national levels.



*"Mr. Horne is one of those special people gifted with talent and intelligence as well as a winning personality. He was able to express and communicate his knowledge in a way that attracted and kept students actively involved in his program."*

~ Ed Dyson, Executive Director for Secondary Operations, retired

