

W.V. Roberson
1955

W.V. Roberson was born in Etowah, Tennessee, McMinn County, and moved to Soddy-Daisy at age 11. It was a small town where you could know everybody. He says, "I wasn't born here but I got here as soon as I could!"

His high school friends kept close touch all these years: Marvin Coffman, Charlotte Thomas Siler, John Teague, Chester Smith, Jim Roberts, to name a few. Basketball was a passion in our town and the Trojans teams won lots of games. W.V. played basketball and once made a long basket from the length of the court at the old SDHS gym. But he never saw the ball go through the net, he had already stepped into the dressing room when the ball swooshed!

His favorite teachers were Mr. Jess Lasley and Mrs. Myra Millsaps. His teachers were friends to him. A fond memory was the senior trip to Florida and many fun times in high school. Later, many of these friends would work together at the DuPont Nylon plant in Hixson. DuPont provided jobs for SD families for more than a generation. W.V. also worked at Combustion Engineering before he was drafted into the United States Army in 1960. He served in Korea in a HAWK missile battalion. While serving our country, a special place would grow in his heart for the American military man and woman. That tender spot for soldiers was seeded, watered and would blossom one day into something extraordinarily special. More about that later.

After the war, W.V. returned to Daisy where he opened Roberson Service Station, and W.V. Roberson Motors used car dealership. Then he again worked at DuPont, this time for 40 years. He was also a knife dealer for 20 years where he visited many knife and gun shows. He helped organize the Soddy-Daisy Knife Club.

He is a longstanding member of the American Legion, Post 107 where he helped collect toys, warm coats and shoes for kids in need. He loves his church family at First Baptist Church of Soddy-Daisy where he enjoys serving as deacon. He married his wife, Linda, in 1958, which means that this year they will enjoy 58 years together!

They have a son, Wesley, and a daughter, Tammy. Tammy was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis as an infant, and the family suffered alongside her for 18 years. She passed away her senior year at Soddy-Daisy. Wesley has two sons, Tyler and Will. Some of you know Tyler as Coach Roberson, who teaches Bible History and coaches wrestling at Soddy-Daisy Middle School. Will the Roberson family please stand.

Out of his love for people and his love for soldiers, W.V. went on a mission to honor those who serve our country. On Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, he organized an effort to place a cross with deceased soldiers' names along with an American flag for each soldier in front of the Soddy-Daisy City Hall each year. He also places flags along Dayton Pike to observe these holidays. But his largest project has been feeding the veterans. On Veteran's Day, First Baptist Church opens its gym for local veterans and their families to enjoy a free meal and be honored for their service. W.V. secured the food donations, volunteers, and supplies to feed 500 veterans each year. This year marked the sixth annual event. It is his way of saying "Thank you" to the United States veterans.

In honor of his efforts, W.V. was three times named Legionaire of the year by The Chattanooga Area Veteran's Council and American Legion. The First Baptist Church erected a flag pole in honor of W.V. for feeding the veterans. And the City of Soddy-Daisy passed a resolution that November 28, 2011 would be declared "W.V. Roberson Day" in our city. His name also appears at the Soddy-Daisy Veteran's Park on the Veterans Wall along with the many in our community who have volunteered their service to this great country.

W.V. is a past member of the Soddy-Daisy Jaycees where he helped to incorporate our city in 1969. And a fond memory for W.V. is catching up with his Army buddies from Korea in 2007 and beginning an annual reunion in Gatlinburg which is still taking place this year. He began the search for these friends without any addresses or phone numbers but was able to locate them by the white pages! And in 2014 he organized a group of 24 local World War II veterans for a group photo, some of whom have since passed away.

Please remember W.V. in your prayers as he has faced illness himself in recent days.

On behalf of the community of Soddy-Daisy, the Veterans of the United States Military, and free people around the globe, we want to thank you and honor you, W.V. Roberson, with your induction into Soddy-Daisy High School's Hall of Fame!

Robert Carlos Wilson

1958

There is a Cherokee expression that says, “Listen with your heart. Learn from your experiences, and always be open to new ones.” This ancient wisdom is a reflection of how Carlos Wilson has strived to live his life. As a student at Soddy Daisy High School, Carlos enjoyed extracurricular activities such as the Service Club, Beta Club, Science Club, and working on the Trojan Billboard Newspaper, as well as playing the guitar. After graduating from Soddy Daisy High School in 1958, Carlos took the advice of his favorite teacher, Mr. Ernest Eldridge, who encouraged him to not “hide his talents under a bushel”, and to always be ready for adventure.

In 1959 Carlos attended the University of Tennessee Chattanooga part time, where he later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering, while he worked at the DuPont Company of Chattanooga as a production and maintenance worker. After graduating in 1973, Carlos worked for the 3M Company as an industrial engineer for two years, until the plant closed. Then he worked as an engineer for the Hamilton County General Government for 25 years, up until his retirement in the year 2000.

Besides pursuing a career in engineering, Carlos has always been committed to helping his community. While working for 3M Company, Carlos served as a Jr. Achievement Volunteer leader for youth wanting to become leaders in business. He served as a Webelos leader for the cub scouts when his sons were in scouts, and he participated in the local Special Olympics Program as a Track & Field volunteer. Carlos has participated in mission work with his church in Jamaica, the Choctaw Indian Reservation in Mississippi, and he has taken three trips to the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico and Arizona. Carlos has also worked in mission on Sand Mountain as well as Missouri, after flooding ruined an elderly widow’s home. In 2005, Carlos served as a Red Cross volunteer in Gulfport, Mississippi after the Katrina disaster, driving an emergency response vehicle, delivering food and supplies to people affected and to other volunteers who needed help. When Carlos is not volunteering, he spends time with his family country music band, the Tennessee Hi-Riders, who have played event, for over fifty years, in Soddy Daisy (such as the 4th of July celebration, the Punkin’ Fest, and at Poe’s Tavern) to raise money for worthy causes. Carlos also enjoys working with his hands, and often attends craft fairs, where he donates his handiwork to charitable causes.

Carlos has played, traveled, entertained, and volunteered. But his greatest achievement of all time has been paying tribute to his ancestors by researching and verifying the actual trails taken by 16,000 Cherokees on the Trail of Tears. In 1978 the United States Congress designated the Trail of Tears as a National Historic Trail. The project, however, lacked funding to verify the actual trails, so volunteer researchers began the process. Carlos spent over fifteen years, locating and identifying a previously unknown route of the Cherokee Trail of Tears in Hamilton County. As a result, the trails were corrected, and having worked with the National Park Service and four local governments, this route was marked with 70 signs.

Carlos has always loved the friendliness of the community in Soddy Daisy. He believes that it is a safe and comfortable place to live and raise a family. He feels that as it continues to grow, it seems to retain its small town identity and values. Even though Carlos and his family have always enjoyed traveling, (he and his wife have been to all 50 states and most Canadian Provinces, as well as Africa, China, Australia, South America, and many countries in Europe),

Soddy Daisy will always be his home. For all you have done for your community and your home, Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, we welcome you, Carlos Wilson, into the Soddy Daisy High School Hall of Fame.

Eddie Brannon
1959

There is an old Yiddish proverb that says, "If you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm!" Eddie Brannon's life is a model of success. His success is based on hard work and opportunity. His "helping hand" was his own.

His senior year at Soddy-Daisy he served as football captain of the most successful Trojan team in history. The team finished with a record of ten (10) wins and one (1) loss while beating Red Bank, Rhea County, South Pittsburg, Marion County and City High. He earned honors as All-Tennessee Valley Conference.

Eddie's first job was with Brown's Warehouse owned by Ernest L. Brown, where he sold furniture to retail furniture dealers. He was the only employee on the payroll and soon became warehouse manager, office manager, and sometime truck driver. After five years of faithful service, Eddie was asked if he would like to move to outside sales. He went on the road with Mr. Brown while he learned the furniture trade and the Brown business grew by leaps and bounds. Eddie had found his niche and he loved his job with great passion. Students, find out what you love doing then pursue that passion full speed.

After ten years, he was offered the opportunity to buy into the company. He stayed with Brown's warehouse, Inc. for over 27 years. During those years another passion began growing, the passion to build his own business. In 1987 when Eddie's son, Greg, graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, E.F. Brannon Furniture opened its doors for business. It became a true family effort. Eddie's oldest daughter Kim was very active in the store and in its TV advertising. Sadly, Kim's life was cut short in 2007. Grandchildren Scott and Callie Brannon work in the store, as does his daughter-in-law Anjie. Two of Eddie's grandchildren are current SDHS students, Lydia and Luke Ellis. Will the Brannon and Ellis families please stand.

Eddie had the opportunity to take over two Bassett furniture direct stores, one in Chattanooga and another in Knoxville. The store in Chattanooga is managed by Paul Ellis, Eddie's son-in-law. Paul's daughter Abigail works at the Bassett store. This time last year, Abigail Ellis led the Lady Trojan tennis team to a region championship.

Other success stories would follow Eddie. In 1990, the Chattanooga YMCA, owner the Racquet Club of Chattanooga, decided to sell it. Eddie helped get five guys together to take over that tennis club. It was a great investment for the community. Soddy-Daisy High School teammate, Jim Cofer, is one of the investing partners. And every Thursday night for the past 20 years, you could stop by the Racquet Club at nine p.m. and find the foursome of friends Joe Pate, David Barto, Sam Gill and Eddie waging competitive tennis. The rendezvous still goes on today. Manager Leland Goldston has made the Racquet quite a success.

Eddie's two daughters attended college on tennis scholarships. Kim went to Auburn where she set the school record for career wins, and Audra played at Florida State, where she was an All-American and later won a few tournaments on the pro tour.

When asked what he feels is his greatest accomplishment in life, Eddie responded "it is getting my pilot's license, instrument rating and my twin engine rating as a pilot." He loves to fly. But not far behind this accomplishment stands a family furniture kingdom. The next time you drive by Northgate Mall, stop in at E.F. Brannon and just say hi. Or you could buy some furniture!

Eddie considers his high school coaches, Frank Cofer and Harland Burnett, to be his favorite teachers and true mentors. They taught him discipline other qualities that would see him through life's journey. He feels that he has been blessed by God in almost every venture in which was involved. Eddie is married to former Lady Trojan, Jessie Privette.

Let's give a huge welcome to Soddy-Daisy's own Edward Brannon at his induction into the Soddy-Daisy High School Hall of Fame.

Tonya Wilson
1976

Who has played on a dirt basketball court in your neighborhood? Most Trojan athletes have honed their skills in the backyard where friends gather to compete. Long ago the kids in Daisy gathered at Bobby & Helen Wilson's house on Boxwood Lane to shoot hoops and form forever friendships. From this neighborhood competition rose a champion Trojanette, Tonya Wilson.

Tonya played at Soddy-Daisy Junior High where the girls' basketball teams won lots of championships under Coach Buck Johnson despite only practicing as a team for 50 minutes each day in P.E. class. At Soddy-Daisy High School, Tonya would earn honors in basketball, cross country and track. She was the City-County cross country champion, and took first or second place in every 880 yard event in track. Her Soddy-Daisy mile relay team set the Tennessee state record at just over 4 minutes.

Two days before that race, the 1st leg runner twisted her ankle and was in poor condition to run. Running against schools with better tracks and more advanced training of that day, the odds were stacked against the Trojanette relay team. After the first leg, the Soddy-Daisy girls were in last place. In the second lap around the track, the next runner pushed forward as if her feet did not touch the ground. When Tonya handed off the baton to her teammate, Soddy-Daisy was in first place! The last two runners pushed themselves to personal best times, and the girls in blue and gold set the new Tennessee state record in the mile relay. It is a fond memory to this day to think back on how friends came together and overcame obstacles to accomplish a dream.

Tonya Wilson was also a star basketball player. She was All District and All Region twice, as well as Honorable Mention All-State. Her senior year she was recognized by WDXB Radio and by the Chattanooga Times as Player of the Year in Chattanooga. That year she also earned her selection to All-State.

Tonya was very active at Soddy-Daisy High School where she was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. At Christmas time, FCA members would take underprivileged children to the mall to shop for presents and also provide food for the family. Tonya always held a young child's hand for this shopping event and opportunity to give to our community. She was a member of Beta Club, on the homecoming court, and won the Daughters of the American Revolution award. At Senior Celebration, Tonya Wilson was crowned Miss Soddy-Daisy 1976.

After graduating, Tonya's basketball career was launched from the dirt court of Boxwood Lane to a college arena in Nashville. She was recruited by Belmont University where she earned honors as best defensive player and was selected to the All-Tournament team in the Volunteer State Athletic Conference. She would graduate from Belmont Cum Laude in 1980 and in 1989 received her MBA from New York University.

Her business career began at Merrill Lynch as Operations Manager for Money Markets. She would join Kidder Peabody & Company, then J.P. Morgan where she worked as Global Business Manager for Enterprise Technology Services. In 2012 she joined Barclays Bank in New York City where today she works as Director of Regulatory Compliance. Let's just say that Tonya has held many senior management positions in the financial industry over the past 30+ years.

I happen to know that the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade makes its way each year directly in front of Tonya's office. The parade conveys a happy thought in contrast to what happened in 2001...Tonya was working in her office in Lower Manhattan when the Trade Center towers collapsed on September 11. She experienced the tragedy first-hand, being unable to get home to her family for five very long days.

Tonya has a passion for helping others and has volunteered her time as chairman of the Annual Fund Raising event for "Reach Out and Read" which helps economically disadvantaged children. She has served at Ronald McDonald House, Make A Wish Foundation, the Juvenile Arthritis Foundation, Girl Scouts of America and in many other great causes as well as serving in her local church.

She loves returning home to Soddy-Daisy and says that it always feels like she never left. Her memories of Soddy-Daisy include her friends, coaches, teachers and her parents who supported her in everything she undertook. One of her best friends is Mark Rawlston, the husband of our own fellow teacher, Gloria Rawlston. And I am blessed to be a personal friend of Tonya's as well. Bobby Wilson, you have raised two wonderful daughters and Trojanettes!

Tonya has fond memories of her second grade teacher at Daisy Elementary, Mrs. Corinne Rose. She says Mrs. Rose made learning an adventure and not a competition.

Tonya is married to Scott Burleigh and they have two daughters. Emma is a junior in high school in New Jersey, and Helen attends the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York where she plays goalie for the soccer team!

Her coach, Lt. Colonel Dave Sirey, was once roommates at the academy with Soddy-Daisy High School grad and teacher Roy Shipley. Coach Shipley coached some of you at SDMS. So Helen donated a SDHS soccer t-shirt to her soccer coach at West Point who wears it today with great pride.

In the upper management of the American banking world, Tonya has carved a path for women. She has helped open doors that have long been closed. She is an inspiration to our community and to our students. And today we are inspired to induct Tonya Rene Wilson into the Soddy-Daisy High School Hall of Fame!

Julia M. Smith
1980

Julia Smith is a people person! She is ever laughing and always a ball of fun to be around. She has lots of memories of her involvement at SDHS, from **attending** sporting events, cheering for the Trojans, selling concessions, folding uniforms, and keeping team stats. She was THE social butterfly, and she never missed an opportunity to be where the fun was. She went on many club trips including a Spanish Club trip to Mexico, was a member of the Marching Trojan band, served on the Teen Board, and was crowned Soddy-Daisy's Junior Miss of 1980.

Julia loved hanging out with friends in Doc Owens' Chemistry lab. And Pam Malone, her journalism teacher, taught her about diversity and innovation. She also loved Mr. Sam Mills who taught gun and boating safety, and Coach Lynn Thompson, her history teacher. And debating with Mr. Walt Wood and her friend, Reese Skillern, is still a highlight even though these friends have passed on.

Janie Smithson, her guidance counselor, nudged Julia into the field of engineering, and encouraged her to be the first college graduate in her family. Ms. Parkinson, her Advanced Math teacher, prepared her for 2 years of advanced Calculus and a minor in Math. SDHS poured a lot into Julia Smith...and inspired her...to pursue her dreams.

She says that God was the biggest influence in her life. She credits her parents, Robert and Syble Smith, and her Grandmother, Opal Keedy, for supporting and providing for her.

This class valedictorian would attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Later she would pursue the Master degree in Engineering Management from the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

What does Julia's work look like? Well, she managed consumer tests for new products - welding helmets, ear plugs, softer facial tissue, new materials which don't irritate skin like baby wipes and diapers. And she hosted Mom's with their babies for play days while nurses tested new diaper concepts.

Julia served for 28 years in engineering, research, operations, supply chain, and business strategy development in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was awarded nine U.S. Patents for her work in improving methods to make tissue products. These methods are still being used today for Kleenex Cottonelle and Scott Paper Towels.

She would move to California to serve as Vice-President of Fulfillment Operations at the Treasury Wine Estates. There she oversaw customer service to bottling operations for the largest publically held wine company in the world. She served as Vice-President of the North Atlantic Supply Chain and as Research and Engineer at Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Julia is currently serving as the Vice-President of Supply Chain for the Delicato Family Vineyards in Napa, California. **This** company is the fastest growing family owned winery over the past five years and winner of the prestigious California Winery of the Year in 2012 and 2015. Julia is a world traveler! In her work, she has traveled to over 40 countries and has experienced the beauty of culture, people, religion, art and diversity.

For her life work, Julia has been awarded numerous honors and awards. Besides the nine U.S. Patents, she was awarded the Dick Clark Supply Chain Excellence Award in 2011, and was the Smith College Executive Panelist from 2009 to 2011. She served on the Society of Women Engineers Executive Committee.

In her community, Julia serves on many boards, including St. Mary's Vestry and Foundation Committee, the Napa Valley Community Foundation, the Boy's and Girl's Clubs National chapters. She belongs to the Daisy Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She served on the Junior Achievement Advisory Board – Appleton, Wisconsin, and has served numerous other causes. She takes seriously her mission to make the world a better place to live.

Julia says that *“Soddy-Daisy High School and community helped to build a foundation in my life.”* One way she began paying forward was by giving a \$5,000 scholarship to one Soddy-Daisy senior last May. Maddie Mayne was the inaugural recipient of the Smith Foundation for STEM Scholarship, which is awarded to a SD senior who plans to pursue a career in math or science. Maddie is currently studying Biochemistry at UTK. This yearly donation has been written into Julia Smith's estate for perpetuity. Julia says her goal in life is to pay it forward to help others excel in education and life.

This fun-loving Trojan has a list of friends too long to read! She graduated with our own staff member, Tomesa Griffith Johnson, and with Soddy-Daisy Hall of Fame member Patrick Mulkey. She has one brother, Terry Smith. Julia lost her mother, Syble Smith Ooten, who passed away in 2014. In that same year, she married the love of her life, Tammy Smith. Would the Smith family please stand.

It is for her contributions to the world of engineering and for improving the lives of others that Soddy-Daisy High School welcomes Julia Smith into the Hall of Fame.

RANDY WILSON
1986

Randy Wilson was born an outdoorsman. From his back porch he could toss a rock into Morton Pond and watch the wildlife come and go 24/7. Like many of you, he grew up fishing on Chickamauga Lake and duck hunting those same waters. Is it any wonder that he figured out a way to earn his living guarding our natural resources? More about that later.

Randy has many fond memories of SDHS. He was here when the “new” school opened in 1983. He remembers well the first day of chemistry class when a friend knocked over a burner and caught a book on fire! His chemistry teacher, Coach Tobin Davidson, vowed to the class, “No more experiments for this class! You aren’t burning down the new school on my watch!”

His driver education teacher was a young coach named Steve Henry. During Randy’s senior year he was asked to help coach the freshmen baseball team which practiced at the KIDS park by Soddy Lake. He will never forget the shocked look on Coach Davidson’s face when he learned that Randy had blown up the motor in the ROTC van and left it on the side of the road.

Some of Randy’s high school friends were Jimmy Williamson, Alan Hensley and Greg Morgan. What he most loves about SD are its location, the mountains and the river, and the ample opportunities for outdoor recreation. This environment would contribute to Randy’s career calling in Wildlife Management and Conservation.

After graduation he attended Tennessee Tech where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science followed by a Master of Science in Ecology from the University of Memphis. His first job was with **the U.S. Geological Survey Patuxent Wildlife Research Center** in Vicksburg, Mississippi. There he researched animal habitat management.

Next he was hired by the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture** where he researched animal population and international bird conservation plans. His current assignment since 2005 is with the **Migratory Bird Field Office** in Jackson, Mississippi. He serves as *senior staff biologist overseeing and managing day-to-day operations of a Migratory Bird Field Station.*

So what does Randy do? Think back to April 20th, 2010 when a violent explosion occurred in the Gulf of Mexico on the Deepwater Horizon oil platform resulting in the largest Gulf oil spill in history. 200 million gallons of crude oil spilled into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico causing massive loss of wildlife including fish, mammals and birds. Randy designed and implemented bird surveys to evaluate restoration actions in the Northern Gulf. He personally worked with rescue units to save many species including the **Laughing gull, Brown pelican, Northern gannet, Royal tern** and **Black skimmer**.

During the disaster, Randy spent over 100 days on the gulf coast where he assisted with the development of an aerial reconnaissance and wildlife rescue program conducting daily low-level reconnaissance flights utilizing helicopters to look for oil, oil impacted areas, and injured or dead wildlife. During this effort, he served as lead wildlife biologist supervising a team of biologists; prepared daily flight plans and safety briefings; coordinated with pilots and U.S. Coast Guard Flight Control, as well as personally conducting more than 500 hours of low-level flights.

During the daily reconnaissance flights, he documented the location of oil and looked for dead and injured wildlife. If an injured bird was encountered and the area was safe to land the helicopter, the pilot landed and the bird was captured. All captured birds were immediately flown to one of three dedicated rehabilitation centers. If the area prohibited landing the helicopter, he communicated with and directed boat crews to the area where they captured the injured bird.

Randy Wilson has received the following awards:

Regional Director's Honor Award (2006) for outstanding performance & search efforts for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, as well as posting several articles in professional publications.

Recipient of U.S. Forest Service Challenge Coin (2015) for representing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the U.S. Forest Service's National Research Executive Team panel discussion.

Randy says that "to accomplish something, one must first set a goal then devise a strategy to achieve the goal and finally maintain enough discipline to implement the strategy..."

While he lives far away, he remains rooted in "Onion Bottom", a name long-ago-tagged on the South Daisy bayou where his Parents, Bobby and Jimmie Ruth Wilson still live. So each time you duck hunt, bird watch or wet a line at the lake, remember a fellow Trojan who gives his all every day to conserve the wildlife which we all love and enjoy.

For your contribution to our world as an American conservationist and senior biologist, we induct you, Randy Wilson, into the Soddy-Daisy High School Hall of Fame.

CARROL MORRISON DENURE
1987

There are two people in this room with the distinction of having a U.S. President attend their high school commencement! The year was 1987 and the President was Ronald Reagan who came to Chattanooga to speak at a joint graduation ceremony for all Hamilton County high school seniors. Sisters Christel and Carrol Morrison, along with Coach Steve Henry, got to meet the President of the United States. Then all the seniors from each school wore caps and gowns in their school colors and assembled in McKenzie Arena for a day to remember with President Reagan. Because Carrol Morrison was Co-Valedictorian at Soddy-Daisy High School, she sat on the stage next to Senator Howard Baker. And to this day she remembers when President Reagan shook her hand and told her congratulations. She says this experience had a huge impact on her life.

The reason Carrol Morrison was Co-Valedictorian that year was because she tied with her sister for the highest academic average in their class. That's right, her twin sister Christel Morrison Brooks, sat on that same stage in 1987. The two of them grew up competing...in sports, in school, for boyfriends, in everything! It's no wonder that they each took a spot at the podium and made a speech on graduation day. It's no wonder that they remain best friends to this day even though the miles somewhat separate their families. Would the Morrison family please stand and be recognized.

Playing basketball for Soddy Daisy provided Carrol with many valuable memories and taught her life lessons. She says "One of my favorite memories happened during my junior year in the District Tournament in a game against Red Bank. I remember we were trailing by one point with 13 seconds remaining. I can vividly recall grabbing the rebound and making an outlet pass to our point guard. I sprinted down the floor and received a pass on the block. I turned and made a shot at the buzzer to win the game. Defeating the Lions and qualifying for the regional tournament was such an awesome feeling! This memory instilled in me the joy that can come from athletics. As a coach over the years one of the greatest rewards is watching my players celebrate with each other."

Some of her best friends in high school were Connie Copeland Dodd, Cami Sue Conger Mitchell, Deborah Pringle, Mark Jenkins and Todd Noe.

Carrol attended Freed Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Education, graduating magna cum laude. She began teaching math at I have been a math Flint Hill School in Oakton, VA. She has taught Pre-Calculus, Geometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry, and Algebra I. For the past two years she has served as the Sports Information Director and in the Athletic Department at Flint Hill.

In 2003 Carrol became her school's first Varsity Volleyball Coach and took on the challenge of beginning a new volleyball program. Her first team finished with five wins and eight losses. But two years later, she would turn them into a state semifinalist team. In 2008 her team won its first of six volleyball state championships. She has accumulated an overall record of 304 wins and just 56 losses.

The team received the prestigious #1 ranking from the Washington Post in 2009, 2010, and 2014 for DC/Metro area public and private schools. Carrol has been named the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association Coach of the Year in five times. She was named the Washington Post All-Metro Coach of the Year in 2012. She has coached two Gatorade State Players of the Year, three Washington Post All-Metro Players of the Year and four Virginia Independent School Athletic Association Players of the Year. Many of her players have gone on to play collegiately at schools like University of Virginia, Rutgers University, and North Carolina State.

She considers her greatest accomplishment in life to be raising her two children, Jesse who attends The College of William and Mary where he plays football, and Gracie, a student at Virginia Tech. She loves Soddy Daisy for its community support of the school and because people here have a sense of pride in their community.

She lists among her favorite teachers Steve Rice, Hall of Fame member Barbara Levi, Janice Newman and Coaches Warren and Debbie Hill. She is happily married to David DeNure with whom she coaches at Flint Hill. They reside in Chantilly, VA near Washington D.C.

Carrol thanks her mother for sacrificing so much for all five of her children and making sure that they did their best in the classroom and in sports. She says her mom is her biggest fan. She is also very grateful for her twin sister, Christel for pushing her in a competitive, positive way. Like most twins, they share a special bond.

Soddy-Daisy High School recognizes Teacher and Coach Carrol Morrison DeNure for her achievement in the classroom and on the court with her induction into the Soddy-Daisy High School Hall of Fame.

