



Rudy Wilson Biographical Information

Mr. Rudy Wilson served as a Georgia Music Educator for over 36 years and as Band Director at Brookwood High School in Snellville, Georgia for 28 years. Mr. Wilson is a native of Alma, Georgia and received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Berry College, Master of Music Education degree from VanderCook College of Music, and the Education Specialist degree in Music Education from the University of Georgia. Under Mr. Wilson's leadership, the Brookwood Band program grew from 75 members to over 300 involved in the band program. The performing bands at Brookwood consistently received superior ratings for 27 years in concert, jazz, and marching band festivals and performance evaluations. The Symphonic Winds performed at Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference in 1991, 2003, and 2008 and performed as featured band at the University of Georgia High School Music Festival in 1995, 2005 and 2010, University of South Carolina Band Clinic and Conductors' Symposium in 1995, University of Alabama Honor Band Clinic in 2008, and the Columbus State University Honor Bands of Georgia Clinic in 2008. Mr. Wilson has served as District IX Instrumental Chair, Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity Zeta Chapter President and Secretary (3 terms), District IX and XIII Honor Band Chair, GMEA Marching Band Committee Chair, and Smoke Rise Baptist Orchestra Director and Fine Arts/Music Committee, and deacon for Smoke Rise Baptist Church. Mr. Wilson also serves as the Band Chair for the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and band liaison for Brightspark Events, a student travel company. Mr. Wilson presented an article published in BandWorld entitled *Bridging the Gap (using marching band as transition for rising freshmen)*. Mr. Wilson has served as concert and marching band adjudicator for GMEA, SCBDA, and AMEA events. He served as Honor Band Conductor/Clinician for Fulton County, Districts IV, VIII, IX, X and XIII. Mr. Wilson enjoys performing trombone in various organizations and churches. He has performed with the Rome, Lanier, and Gwinnett Symphony Orchestras and is currently a member of the Atlanta 17 Big Band. He studied trombone with Stan Pethel, Gail Wilson, Roger Rocco, and Charles Vernon. Mr. Wilson's professional affiliations include: NAFME, GMEA, NBA, PAGE, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Phi Beta Mu. Mr. Wilson has been awarded eight National Band Association Citations of Excellence.

Mr. Wilson resides in Lawrenceville with his wife Mary, Retired Band Director from North Gwinnett Middle School. They have two adult children, Katy, a graduate of the University of Georgia in Music Education, currently serving as band director at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, and Daniel, a Financial Analyst for Arby's and his wife Jenna, an elementary educator and coordinator for the Special Olympics. Mr. Wilson enjoys being a substitute on occasion, being a clinician and sharing his experience with other band programs.

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