

## Mr. Leon Tompkins



**Mr. Leon Tompkins** was born December 1, 1939, in Bath, South Carolina. His family moved to Warner Robins in 1948 and he entered into the Houston County School System. Mr. Tompkins graduated from Warner Robins High School in 1958. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1962 from Georgia Southern College and a master's degree in 1972 from the University of Georgia.

Mr. Tompkins served in Houston County schools for 30 years, beginning in 1962. Affectionately known as "Mr. T," he taught math, science and industrial arts and also served as a CVAE teacher/coordinator. He was honored as the Teacher of the Year at Tabor Junior High three times, in 1971, 1988 and 1991. Through his teaching career he coached baseball, basketball, football, softball, track, and football. His last two years of service were at Houston County High School, from 1991 until his retirement in May of 1993.

Mr. Tompkins has three daughters, all of whom graduated from Northside High School. Currently several of his grandchildren attend school in Houston County. His community activities include the Jaycees, Optimist Club, Houston County Retired Teachers Association and Sandy Valley Baptist Church.

*"He always encouraged me to become involved, to participate, and always strive to do my best. He was always there and helping. He was a great influence on my decision to become a teacher and coach and later a counselor. I have always considered him a great mentor. It is easy to look back and see just how many former students and players chose education as a career because of his influences."*

*~ David Rozier, former student*

*"As a teacher he had my utmost respect, because he was fair as a teacher and fair in his treatment of students. I still to this day have the three ducks we made in shop class."*

*~ David Moon, former student*