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Profile

I retired from 30 years of public school teaching in the spring of 2004. I live with my husband, John Tobin, also retired science teacher, in North Pole. Our youngest daughter graduated from North Pole High School in 2005. We are the proud grandparents of 5 grandchildren from the two older children. Besides activities associated with the teaching profession, I have been a Girl Scout Leader for 6 years, 4-H Leader for 10 years, and President of the NPHS Wrestling Booster Club for 1 year.

Education

- Dothan High School, Dothan, Alabama 1967
- Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, B. S. in Education 1972
- University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Master's of Education 1982

Work Experience & Some Related Activities

- **Adjunct Professor, UAF School of Secondary Education** 2005-Present
- **North Pole High School, Science Teacher** 1984-2004
 - Science Department Chair 1984-1986; 2003-2004
 - STARS (Substance Abuse Program) Coordinator 1988-1990
 - Coordinated school wide C.A.L.L. Day Program 1989
 - Served on the District's Science Curriculum Revision Committee 1986, 1990, 1995
 - Coordinated numerous professional development programs 1986-2004
 - Developed and facilitated the *Earth Science Team* program 1985-1988; 2000-2002
 - Taught and promoted the *Applied Biology/ Chemistry* curriculum 1990 - 1994
 - Team taught the *Crime Lab* unit with the Chemistry Teacher 1990 - 2002
 - Developed the District's *Forensic Science* curriculum 2001-2002
 - Attended NSTA Convention 1986, 1988, 1990, 1996
 - Attended *Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists* Conference 1991, 1994
- **North Pole Junior Senior High School, Science Teacher** 1976 -1984
 - Science Department Chair 1977-1984
 - Served on the District's Science Curriculum Revision Committee 1977, 1981
 - Director of the *National Association of Biology Teachers*, Alaska 1980-1984
 - Alaska Resource Director of the OBIS (Outdoor Biology Instructional Strategies) for the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkley 1978-1983
 - Coordinated numerous professional development programs 1977-1984
- **Jefferson High School, Tampa, Florida , Science Teacher** 1973-1975
 - Co-authored Hillsborough County School District's text entitled *Florida's Wildlife* 1974-1975

Professional Activities & Honors

- FEA member 1979-2004
- NSTA member 1978-present
- NPHS representative recipient of the *Presidential Award of Excellence for Drug Free Schools* 1990
- NABT member 1978-1986
- PDK member 1980-1986
- *Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year*, Alaska 1978
- Alaska Science Teacher's Association 1978-1986