

SANDY IVEY FARRIS

SANDI IS A NATIVE OF JASPER AND A 1998 GRADUATE OF WALKER HIGH SCHOOL. SPORTS HAVE BEEN A PART

of Sandi's everyday life since the age of four. Athletic sports including: Travel Softball and AAU Basketball, which have taken her to tournaments being it - Regionals, State and Nationals not only in the state of Alabama but to states including: Texas, Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia and Connecticut.

While attending Walker High School, Sandi was an outstanding athlete, participating in softball, volleyball, and basketball. The Walker Lady Vikings football team won State Championships in 1995, 1996 and 1997. Sandi gained recognition as most hits, doubles, home runs and highest batting average.

In 1998 Sandi received a full basketball scholarship to Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, AL. The 1998 Walker Lady Vikings Basketball season was under the leadership of legendary Coach Tina Langley, who had returned to her alma mater, Walker High School to coach.

Sandi then followed her passion of softball, receiving a full softball scholarship to Calhoun Community College in Decatur, AL. While at Calhoun, the Calhoun Lady Warhawks won the National Jr. College Championship with Coach Nancy Keenum. Sandi gained recognition as an All-American Softball Player during her time at Calhoun.

Sandi credits her parents (David Ivey and Lisa Myers), along with Coaches: Shelia Kilgore, Tina Langley, Nancy Keenum, Keith Anderson, Willie Moore III and Jean Ann Martin for her accomplishments.

After college, Sandi returned home to Jasper to plant roots for her next journey in life. She began working with the City of Jasper Parks and Recreation Department in 2002, this year being 20 years with the Parks and Recreation. She is also the facility Manager of the Jasper Civic Center where the Parks and Recreation offices are currently located.

Sandi is very much involved in the Parks and Recreation sports programs and coaches youth sports. The pathway of coaching began with daughter McKinley "Lou" Ferguson, a 2020 Jasper High School Alumni, who currently attends Kennesaw State University in Georgia and plays volleyball with the K.S.U. Lady Owls. Thus, we see how the love, passion, determination, persistence within Lou's parents in life and sports has affected her own journey. Whereas now they coach their youngest daughter, Ivie in basketball, soccer and volleyball at Jasper Parks and Recreation.

Sandi has been married to her husband, Greg Farris for 15 years. They have five daughters: Tiffany Craig, Jada Farris, Jasha Farris, McKinley "Lou" Ferguson and Ivie Farris, also four grandchildren: Kenzie Wilson, Kallie Wilson, Chancellor Allen Jr. and Kingston Couch. Sandi and Greg continue to officiate sports with AHSAA due to their love of sports. Both Sandi and Greg carry on their passion of youth sports throughout Parks and Recreation and are very much involved in the community. They love spending time at their home in Jasper, traveling and going to watch sporting events. However, time with family, children and grandchildren is where life's memories are made, this is where Sandi's heart is -- family.

