

NORMAN EDWARD HOLT

NORMAN WAS BORN JUNE 21, 1961 TO E.H. AND SHIRLEY HOLT, THE OLDEST OF FIVE CHILDREN.

His father died when he was only 14 years old leaving him as the “man of the house.” This caused him to mature early and realize his life goals.

During his career at Dora High School, he excelled in athletics. He was the recipient of the Andrews Award for excellence in athletics and academics. In football, he was All-County and All-State, led the team in tackles two years, selected captain his senior year, and led Dora to their first appearance in the state playoffs in 1978. They lost to Gardendale 21-15 but finished with a 9-2 record.

In baseball, he was selected to the All-County team his junior and senior years. He led the Dogs with a .490 batting average his junior and senior year. He was selected the captain of the team his senior year and led them to County and Area Championships, and a berth in the State Play-Offs. Norman was also a member of Dora’s first wrestling team, where he qualified to participate in the State Tournament.

Upon graduation, Norman received both football and baseball scholarship offers. He chose to play baseball at Freed-Hardman University in Henderson, Tennessee, where he lettered four years. His teammates selected him co-captain his senior year. He led the team in batting average, defense, and stolen bases. He was selected the 1982-1983 Freed-Hardman Senior Male Athlete of the Year and graduated with a BS degree in Management.

After college graduation, he moved back to Walker County and worked for 28 years as a loan officer at First National Bank in Jasper, and was the branch manager/senior lender at Alabama Trust Credit Union for 3 years. Norman served in various service organizations such as: Lions Club, United Way, DHS Booster Club, DHS Band Boosters, Dora Gas & Water Board, as well as, coaching various athletic teams. He currently is the Chairman of the Deacons at Dora First Baptist.

Norman has been married to his high school sweetheart, Pamela Tucker for 38 years. They have two daughters: Jennifer Holt Jarvis and Kimber Holt Sanford, and four grandchildren; Hayleigh Jarvis, Austin Jarvis, Karson Sanford, and Kiley Sanford. He is semi-retired and works part-time at Dora First Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf, coaching park and recreation basketball and baseball, and spending time with his grandchildren.

