

Dr. Lynn N. Armstrong

To honor a person who devoted the majority of her life towards the education of others is to understand the dynamic impact one has made regarding an entire community. Dr. Lynn Armstrong was a firm believer in education. She believed in a quality education for all. She worked hard and attained both her Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of North Texas in just five years and went on to attain her Superintendent Certification.

Early on, the value of education was instilled in Dr. Armstrong. Dr. Armstrong worked in Fort Bend ISD for twenty-two years. In that time, she touched the lives of many students and colleagues. Her educational career began in Fort Bend in 1985 as a Teacher at Missouri City Middle School. Later in that school year, she became a Special Education Teacher at Clements High School where she worked for three years. Soon after, she became the Special Education Department head at Kempner High School. Working with special needs children was her passion. She believed special needs children deserved a proper learning experience. A colleague of hers felt, "There was no one more caring and compassionate. She went to bat for her students and made sure that their modifications were being followed by (all of their) teachers". After her four years at Kempner she began her career as an Assistant Principal at Clements High School. During her nine years at Clements, she took the time to create a personal relationship with her students. She knew high school students not only struggled with school, but also teen issues as well. She knew every child had a story and made it her mission to lend her attention and listen to each one. She encouraged students to get involved in activities within the school, to go to college and further their education. She believed students needed to learn not only educational lessons, but life lessons as well in order to become a productive member of society. In 2003, she was named Associate Principal at Blue Ridge Elementary until she became building principal there three years later. While at Blue Ridge, she implemented various programs and learning resources. Under her leadership Science Labs, The Blue Ridge Band; Small group rotators in Math and Reading, and the school's International Multicultural Festival, were all created. She also continued to be very proactive in parent and community involvement. She took Blue Ridge from an unacceptable campus TEA rating to a recognized status during her tenure as Principal. While at Blue Ridge she furthered her own education by attaining her Doctoral in degree Education from the University of Houston. She was a dedicated and valuable member of our Fort Bend family. Although she lost her battle with breast cancer on May 25, 2007, she never lost focus of her life's dedication—to educate and serve her students despite her illness.

Outside of work she continued to educate the children in her church and the surrounding community. She served on various boards within her church - working with others to make a difference. Dr. Armstrong was a very humble person and never wanted the attention to focus on her. She believed that it took everyone from the bus drivers, custodial and cafeteria staff, to teachers, counselors, principals, superintendents and parents to educate a child.

Dr. Armstrong was born on August 18, 1955. She graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Speech Therapy and Audiology from the University of North Texas in 1976. She later attained her Master's degree from UNT in Education in 1978. Dr. Armstrong was married to Anthony Armstrong on July 3, 1976. In their 31 years of marriage they had three children: Anthony Ryan Armstrong, Everett Jamal Armstrong (deceased), and Ashley Armstrong Dedmon.

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