



Key to the City Recognition

Doug Sorrells

Doug Sorrells was born on January 22, 1941, to Garland and Jeneatte Sorrells in their family home located across the street from the current location of Billy Howell Ford in Cumming. Doug attended school in Forsyth County where he met his wife of 61 years, Melba Bramblett, in the 7th grade. Doug and Melba graduated from Forsyth County High School in 1961, and got married 1 year later in 1962. They had 3 children: Rhonda, Scott, and Russ. They now also have 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

In 1973, Doug became the Tax Assessor for Forsyth County and served on the Tax Assessors and Appraisers Board until 1979. He also served on the very first Civil Service Board in Forsyth County.

In 1996, Doug ran for and was elected to the position of Clerk of Superior Court of Forsyth County, where he served for 12 years. While serving as Clerk, Doug established the mechanized system of records that was instrumental in the formation of the current records system that is used today. During his time as Clerk, Doug served as the president of the 9th District Clerks Association and was awarded 9th District Clerk of the Year during one of those years. In 2008, he was recognized for his many years of honorable service by the Forsyth County Bar Association with the prestigious Liberty Bell Award.

Doug has been able to use his leadership qualities while serving on several other boards over the years, including the Forsyth County Board of Health and the Forsyth County Board of Elections. He was also a Charter Member of the Lanier Forsyth Rotary Club, which is still a thriving and active club today. He was also appointed and served for a short time as an interim City Council Member of the City of Cumming, and served as the chairman for Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle's campaign.

Doug has also dedicated a big part of his life serving as a deacon at Brookwood Baptist church, and served as Chairman of Deacons for several years, providing spiritual leadership and guidance to many. He has also dedicated his time serving as a volunteer for various non-profit organizations including the food and clothing bank of Forsyth County and has been a member of Lafayette Lodge #44 in Cumming since the early 70's.

Thank you, Doug Sorrells, for your many years of service to the Cumming community!