

**Elizabeth Anderson
Registry of Honor
2019**

Elizabeth Brown Anderson:

Attended Sheffield Schools: Blake, Annapolis Avenue, Atlanta Avenue (Jr. High), and Sheffield High School. Graduate, class of 1959 in the current Sheffield High School Auditorium.

Attended UN; BS Degree with a major in Biology and minor in English.

Masters in Secondary Education, intending to teach Biology.

Her first job was teaching 4th grade in the newly constructed Threadgill School (located on the property where Annapolis Ave. and Atlanta Ave. buildings once stood)

She began her career in adult education after being approached, by her former fourth grade teacher, regarding a position teaching adults who had little or no skill in math or reading.

Began teaching adults in 1967 in the basement level of City Hall; enrolled in UNA again and received an MA degree in Supervision of Instruction; pursued post graduate work in the field of Adult Education at Auburn University, Alabama A&M, and the University of Alabama.

Was director of Adult Education for Sheffield and 9 other school systems in Colbert, Lauderdale, and Franklin Counties, including 2 Community Colleges, from 1980 until 2004.

From 2004 until 2006 she served as an Adult Education Specialist with the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education in Montgomery. During this time, she traveled throughout the state, evaluating programs and working with guidance counselors and at-risk instructors to see that programs received the support they needed.

She became involved with former first lady Barbara Bush's Foundation and its family literacy objectives, and in 1993 was awarded a family literacy grant for work in the Shoals area. She worked with the Barbara Bush Foundation for 18 years as an educator and national grants manager. In this regard, she traveled extensively to many states evaluating their programs and providing guidance.

She served on the Board of the American Association of Adult and Community Education for 6 years, working with Congress to provide legislation to fund Education and Training projects for all 50 states, and in Alabama she served on the Governors' Advisory Council for Workforce Literacy for 20 years.

She has served on numerous state and local boards, both as a member and an official, and has received numerous honors as well, Some are as follows:

President of the State Adult Education Practitioners organization;
Graduate of Leadership Alabama, Montgomery, Class of 1992;
Shoals Economic Development Authority Board of Directors and Chair;
Charter member of NW Shoals Community College Foundation Board;
Shoals Entrepreneurial Board of Directors; Shoals Chamber of Commerce;
Department of Human Resources Advisory Board 1988-present. Board Chair 2020-22;
United Way of the Shoals; Leadership Shoals Planning Committee;
Muscle Shoals District Service League; Big Brothers, Big Sisters Board Member;
UNA Fund Raising Committee for Music and Arts Building construction;
Sheffield Port Authority at Tuscumbia Landing;
Chief Colbert Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution;