

## **Myra Fields Woodberry**

Myra Fields Woodberry was born and raised in Dallas, Texas and the Hamilton Park community. Her parents are George and Allene Fields and she has four sisters. Myra attended Hamilton Park School, 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. She is a proud member of the “Class of 69”, the last class to graduate from Hamilton Park.

After graduation from high school, Myra attended East Texas State University (now Texas A&M, Commerce) where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and a Masters of Education degree in Early Childhood Education.

Upon graduation from college, Myra had the choice of becoming a kindergarten teacher in the Dallas Independent School district or becoming a teacher assistant in the Richardson Independent School District. Of course she chose working in RISD! Myra became employed by the Richardson Independent School District in 1975. This was the time when Hamilton Park School became Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnier (HPPM) and also the first magnet school in RISD. She worked as a teacher assistant at Pacesetter and then became a classroom teacher at Dobie Elementary (RISD). Returning to Hamilton Park in 1984, she worked as a classroom teacher, teaching first and second grades. She thoroughly enjoyed working at Hamilton Park and was most blessed by interactions with the children and grandchildren of her previous classmates and friends from the Hamilton Park community. In 2015, Myra retired from HPPM.

Myra is an active member of the Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. She has one daughter, Stacia and two grandchildren, Jillian and Jaden.