

ROANOKE, ALA. – Randy Wiggins was born June 25, 1954 in the small Alabama town of Roanoke. He grew up in a town not far from there called Wedowee. Wiggins said the best part of living in the rural area was being surrounded by family and friends and always having what he needed.

His best friend, Chris Mitchell, lived only two houses down from him. Wiggins recalls they were always playing basketball at the nearby New Hope Community Center.

He also recalls, “One night Chris and I were riding home, and were stopped by a state trooper. When the trooper asked if we had been drinking, Chris replied, ‘No, but we have been looking for beer all night, do you know where we could find some?’ Fortunately, the trooper just told us we did not need any and to go home.”

Upon graduating from Randolph County High School in 1972, Wiggins went to Southern Union State Community College where he played baseball until 1974. In 1974, Wiggins enrolled at Auburn University where he paid his own way by working 30 – 40 hours per week for the Alabama Highway Department. He graduated from Auburn with a civil engineering degree in 1980.

Wiggins recalls one of favorite things to do while enrolled at Auburn was to go to the Baptist Campus Ministries to play Spades. This is how he met his wife, Sherrie.

Sherrie says that they married on Sept. 11, 1976 at the First Baptist Church in her hometown of Jacksonville, Ala.

She went on to say that she and Randy lived in Opelika then moved to Lanett when she was offered a job there. Randy was employed by the highway department as the assistant project engineer for the welcome center in Lanett, Ala. on Interstate 85.

He is currently employed as a mechanical engineer, Facilities Engineering Directorate of Public Works, Anniston Army Depot, Department of Defense.