

# 2024

## FORSYTH-MONROE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

# PATSY DEAN GRIMSLEY



Patsy Dean Grimsley, a Cordele native, was a standout basketball and tennis player at Tift College from 1973-77. Grimsley, then Dean, starred in basketball and tennis at Crisp County High School before receiving a partial scholarship to Tift College. While competing for the Templars, Grimsley was a four-year starter in basketball and the No. 1 player on Tift College's women's tennis team. She earned team Most Valuable Player (MVP) honors in each of her last three seasons in both basketball and tennis and her No. 21 basketball jersey was retired from competition following her storied career. While on the hardwood at Tift College, Grimsley scored 1,194 career points, averaging more than 17 points per game, and recorded 50 points in a single game. While on the collegiate tennis court, Grimsley amassed a win-loss record of 64 wins and just 17 losses, placing runner-up in the Georgia Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (GAIAW) tennis tournament. Grimsley went on to a long, successful career in education, retiring as the principal at Cordele's Blackshear Trail Elementary School. Grimsley has been married to husband Jeff since 1980, and the couple has one daughter, Casie, and two grandchildren, Rylee and Rhett.

