



The Mississippi Health Care Association (MHCA) is pleased to present a series of profiles of residents across Mississippi titled, "An Enriched Life" to highlight the impact of their lives.

In Memory of Mrs. Anne Strickland – former resident of The Windsor Place at Plantation Pointe

Anne Strickland spent her life teaching and inspiring students and others. She recently passed away but it is still very fitting to recognize her life and positive impact she had on countless people.

A native of Taylorsville, Mississippi, Mrs. Strickland held bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. After graduation, she began teaching school near Pensacola, Florida, where she met Jerry Forde, a Navy pilot, who would become her first husband. They had a son, John, who was Mrs. Strickland's only child. Soon after marrying, Mrs. Strickland returned to Mississippi and taught at Ellisville High School and then at West Jones High School. From there, the family moved to the state of Washington for 12 years where she taught English, typewriting, shorthand and office machines.

Mrs. Strickland and her son returned to Mississippi in 1979. She taught English and reading during the day and worked with adults at night for one year in an alternative school as part of the Laurel School District. Many of her students had very challenging childhoods, often starving for attention and positive feedback—and Mrs. Strickland gave that to them.



In 1980, Mrs. Strickland accepted a position at Jones County Junior College (JCJC) where she taught the Related Studies Program to test and develop individualized programs for students who needed skills to be more successful in their studies. After several years, she was offered the position to lead the

Displaced Homemaker Program at JCJC to prepare students to enroll into a fulfilling training program for college credit. Mrs. Strickland would often have clothes in her office available for students to wear for job interviews, and she helped this program flourish until her retirement in 2001.

Mrs. Strickland was recognized with numerous awards and honors during her career including JCJC Alumnus of the Year in 2015, Board of Trustees Member for William Carey University from 2006-2009, and South Mississippi Teacher of the Year in 1989 by the Mississippi Association of Adult and Continuing Education. In 1996, she married Dr. Randolph Strickland, a Dean/Vice-President at JCJC and they were happily married for more than 20 years. She was blessed to have a step-daughter, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Clearly, Mrs. Anne Strickland lived a life of passion of teaching others to better themselves personally and professionally. She was an outstanding example of living "An Enriched Life" and MHCA is pleased to honor her life of helping others.

Thank you to Kymi Thompson, the Activity Director at The Windsor Place at Plantation Pointe, for your nomination of Anne Strickland for MHCA's "An Enriched Life" profile.