

Vickie Powers Matranga Class of 1963

While at Murphy Vickie Powers Matranga was a cheerleader for all three years, head cheerleader for two, sang in special chorus all three years, performed in school musical productions; as well as city musical productions and made her professional debut in her sophomore year. She was a Key Club Calendar Girl, Senior Favorite and First Lady in the Azalea Trail Court plus a member of the French Club, Booster Club, and the Four Arts Club. One must wonder when she went to class?

In 1964 she won the Miss Alabama crown and competed in the Miss America pageant. She made it through to semi-finalist and won the talent division. That achievement was just the beginning –soon she was performing on Broadway with such famous stars as Vincent Price, Robert Goulet, Gower Champion, and Betty Grable. She also appeared at The Metropolitan Opera.

Vickie has been an avid golfer for most of her life. She was champion of the Ladies Golf Tournament at the Country Club of Mobile and served as the president for three terms. She is also founder of the Southern Belle Classic. She won her flight in the Glenlakes Championship Golf Tournament and is slated to be president of the Glenlakes Ladies Golf Association for 2017.

Vickie teaches pageant preparation and has been a judge for the Miss Alabama pageant. She was asked to judge the fine arts portion of the Gulf Shores Shrimp Festival for 2016 and 2017. She continues teaching voice and piano and her teachings have enriched the arts community as two of her students played leads in productions by the Baldwin County Playhouse.

She sings in local churches and is sought after as a singer for special events. Vickie has sung The Star Spangled Banner for two republican dinners, in 2014, with Sara Palin and in 2015, with Lt. Col. Allen West. She has also done volunteer work for the Mobile Opera Guild and is a past president of Ballet Bienville.

Vickie currently lives in Gulf Shores and is very involved with the committee to incorporate Fort Morgan, in an effort to preserve the pristine peninsula environment. Due in large part to Vickie's long time energy and endeavors on the committee to incorporate Fort Morgan, the State of Alabama has recently purchased acreage west of The Beach Club, known as Gulf Highlands which was given to the Fish and Wildlife Service to protect, preserve, and prevent commercialism of the valuable, sanctuary.

Vickie is an outstanding and productive Murphy graduate that we can all be proud to call one of our own.