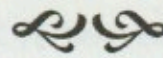




CARROL D. FORTE



Carrol Forte is a 1955 graduate of Peake High School. Few have the privilege of serving in the U.S. Army Band, however, Forte had the honor of serving his entire service years in the Army Band. While in the service he studied music in Washington D.C.'s Anacostia for six months, and rose to the rank of E-4. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Philander Smith College, Little Rock, AR, a Master of Music Education degree from Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR and a Master's of Science in Education degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He has post-graduate work at North Texas State University, Denton, TX.

His Community Service endeavors include serving as the first President of the Peake Alumni Foundation, Inc., Trustee of St. Paul AME Church, Member of the Clark County Chapter of the NAACP, past member of the City of Arkadelphia Planning Commission, member of the Clark County Democratic Committee, member of Clark County's Arts and Humanities, and contributor to the Historical Society of Clark County. He is a retired educator whose appointments included Band Director, Administrator, and Director of Clark County Adult Education. He has served as President of the Arkansas Adult Education Association.

Mr. Forte was appointed by Governor Jim Guy Tucker to the West Central Arkansas Workforce Investment Board in 1993, and was reappointed to the position by Governor Mike Beebe in 2008. In addition to serving in the U.S. Army, he was a member of the American Legion, local and national.

Carrol Forte served as Band Director in the Fordyce Public Schools, St. Louis Missouri Public Schools, and Arkadelphia Public Schools. Mr. Forte has been a contributing member of society since he graduated from Philander Smith College in 1963. He has lived and worked in Arkadelphia for 45+ years and has made a difference in the lives of many citizens, young and old.

He is married to Estella Forte; they have two children: Carmen Forte Irby and Byron Forte and two grandchildren: Macklaine Irby and Landen Irby.