**Mrs. Conner’s Story**

I was born Tammy Holland on August 2, so that means TODAY is my birthday. Although I grew up in Vidalia, GA (the Sweet Onion Capitol of the World), I went to school in Lyons, GA. I graduated from Lyons Senior High School (now known as Toombs Co. High) in 1984. I am the youngest of 6 children. My oldest brother is 22 years older than I am, and my sister that is closest to me in age is 8 years older than I; so needless to say, I was a “pleasant surprise” to my parents! I have 3 sisters and 2 brothers. However, in March 2007, I lost one of my sisters to cancer, so there are only 5 of us now.

I received a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Georgia Southern in 1988. During my Junior year of college, I found out that both my parents had lung cancer. I would eventually lose my dad during my Senior year of college and then my mom during my first year of teaching—quite a lot to deal with at such a time in my life.

I began teaching in 1988, and then married Mark Conner on July 22, 1989. If you haven’t figured it out by now, Conner’s Flooring America (on Hwy 41) was our family business. We closed our store in November 2015 after almost 30 years. Mark & I just celebrated **28 years** of being married.Wow...that’s a LONG time!! We have two children, Lizzie and Mary Catherine, who both graduated from PHS. Lizzie attended Georgia Southern, where she was a cheerleader for the Eagles. She graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Christian Ministries and will be getting married to Mitchell on September 9th. Mary Catherine is now a junior at Georgia Southern. After Lizzie was born, I decided to quit teaching and be a stay-at-home mom. Before I returned to teaching in 1999 at Perry High School, I received my Master’s Degree from Mercer University and in July 2014, I received my Education Specialist degree.

Some of my favorite things to do are playing tennis, playing the piano (I taught piano during the years I was at home), going to movies, spending time with my family and friends, traveling, , and cheering on the Georgia Southern EAGLES in the fall. The beach is my “happy place”. My favorite color is green, and if given a choice, I will choose “salty” foods over “sweet”---although, I will never turn down sweets---and I can’t start my day without a Coke. My family attends Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins, where I sing in the choir and on the praise team. Occasionally, I play the piano for the orchestra.

Well, this is the shortened version of my biography. If you approach Biology by completing all assignments and reading your notes like you read my story, then you will have a successful year in my class. I’m looking forward to this year, there’s a lot to do, so let’s get BUSY!!!! ☺