

## Bio for Beverly Wenzel

I was born in Centreville, Mississippi. There I graduated from high school and lived for 21 years. I have lived in Foley, since August of 1972 when I married my husband Don Wenzel who is a Foley native. That fall I began a career of 34 years as an employee of the Baldwin County Board of Education at Elberta Junior High as an English teacher.

In 1975, I left Elberta Junior High to become a mother. In 1981, I returned to teaching at Foley High School, where I taught mostly sophomore English for nineteen years. In the fall of 2000, I took one of the positions of library media specialist at Foley High School for eleven years before my retirement in the spring of 2011. My degrees are a bachelor in English from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1972, a master's degree in Secondary Education from Troy State University in 1978, and a certificate in Library Media from the University of South Alabama in 1992. At Foley High School I sponsored the Student Council and served on the National Honor Society committee. I also helped with the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest sponsored by the Elberta VFW and helped select the HOBY participant for the sophomore class.

I am active in my church, Foley First Baptist, where I serve as one of the leaders of our Girls in Action group for grades (1-6), as church librarian, and in addition, I serve on several church committees. As a twenty-five-year member of the Bon Secour Chapter NSDAR, I have held the offices of librarian, registrar, and regent. My husband and I have three children, Kris Wenzel Stejskal, Drew Wenzel, and Leigh Wenzel, all graduates of Foley High School. They live in Fairhope, Pelham, and Birmingham, respectively. And, we have six treasured grandchildren ranging in age from 7 to 20.