

Robert Murrah Yarbrough, Jr.

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Mr. Yarbrough was born in Linn, Mississippi, and grew up in Indianola, Mississippi. He attended Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, but left midway through his sophomore year in order to serve in the Army Reserves at the beginning of WWII. While on active duty, he studied Chinese at Georgetown University for a year and was then sent to Fort Riley, Kansas. He then traveled to India and to Kunming China, where he was an Assistant to the Personnel Officer for the "Flying Tigers." After the war, he went back to Millsaps to earn his Bachelor's Degree in English. His first teaching job was at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia. His teaching career was interrupted when he was called to serve in the Korean War. After his discharge from the reserves, he pursued further studies at the University of West Virginia, earning a Master of Arts Degree in English Literature. Following his tenure at Christchurch School, Mr. Yarbrough moved to Miami, Florida, where he served as Academic Dean and English teacher at Ransom and Ransom Everglades schools. In 1975 he moved to Palmer School (later Palmer Trinity School) in South Dade, where his career spanned twenty years, during which he served as Academic Dean, English Department Chair, and teacher of Senior English until he retired in 1995.