

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW???

## Rodney and Gail Hopper

Rodney and Gail Hopper both graduated from Rabun County High School with the class of 1974. Although they took different paths after high school, they both returned to Rabun County, as the 5<sup>th</sup> generations of each of their families to make this their permanent home.

After graduation, Gail attended Gainesville Junior College before returning to Rabun County to begin her career. She began her career working in banking and then accounting and remained here for several years. However, 33 years ago in 1989, Gail found her true passion. She began working in real estate for Poss Real Estate and continues her career there today.

Rodney joined the Navy upon graduating from Rabun County High School. He spent 28 months active duty aboard the USS Enterprise, where he was able to see the world. After his time spent active duty Rodney returned to Rabun County and was a reservist for 2 years at Dobbins Air Force Base. He began his civilian career working for Tugaloo Gas Company, where he worked for 20 years. In 2004, Rodney obtained his real estate license and began working for Poss Real Estate as well. He and Gail now form a husband/wife real estate team with Poss Real Estate.

Gail notes her greatest accomplishment is being able live in her hometown and make a good living being successful with the people she loves. She feels blessed to be able to stay in Rabun County. Rodney believes his greatest accomplishment were his 28 months spent active duty in the Navy and the opportunities it provided him to see the world.

They have a few words of wisdom for current students attending Rabun County Schools:

- Gail says, "Find something you love to do and it will never be work"
- Rodney says, "Take it ALL in right now. You can't go back and have a do-over."

