



## HILL JEFFRIES • ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Greetings to the class of '73. I'm very much looking forward to seeing my classmates at our 50th reunion!

My Westminster experience began when I, along with eight others, entered the 8th grade from E. Rivers Elementary School. While I have wonderful memories of so many people and events at Westminster, and Westminster truly laid the foundation for who I am, I have to begin by giving a special shout-out to my great friend from E. Rivers, Johnny Baker.

Shortly after classes began in the fall of our senior year, Johnny said I had to see this hot girl sitting in Wade Boggs' history class on the top floor of the Boys School. So we looked through the window of the door, and he pointed to Ginger Hartley. Shortly thereafter, I called her and asked her to go out with me, and she accepted. As is chronicled in greater detail by Ginger in her reunion book page, she thought she had accepted a date with *Will* Carpenter rather than *Hill* Jeffries. I wish I could describe for you the stunned look on her face when she opened the door and saw me standing there. I'm not sure she even knew who I was. In any event, beginning with that first date on September 30, 1972, we have been together for over half a century. Thank you, Johnny, and sorry, Will.

So what have we been up to since then? Among other things, we have maintained close ties to Westminster, as you will read below. We both went to the University of Virginia and to Virginia Law School. We then got married in the summer of 1980 following graduation from law school.

Ginger practiced law for a few years before working in the Development Office at Westminster. I embarked on a 40-year career in corporate law, primarily at Alston & Bird in Atlanta, focused on transactions for public companies such as public offerings of stocks and bonds, tender offers, and mergers and acquisitions. However, one of my most interesting and entertaining clients was not a public company but Westminster, for which I served as general counsel for almost 25 years. You absolutely would not believe some of the things that come up almost weekly at a PreK-12 school like Westminster!

Ginger and I have two children, Hartley and Hill, both of whom went to Westminster. It was interesting to experience Westminster through the lens of a parent, and it is remarkable that they had some of the same teachers and coaches that we had – Frank Finsthwaite, Wade Boggs, and Dave Drake.

After graduating from Westminster, Hartley and Hill both went to UVA, and Hill went on to Virginia Law School. Hartley, after graduating from UVA, went to the University of Florida for a graduate degree and then returned to Westminster to teach Spanish in the Middle School. She is now the Civic Engagement Coordinator for the Middle School. Hill, reminiscent of his daddy, is a mergers and acquisitions partner at Eversheds Sutherland law firm in Atlanta. Ginger and I now share the house with our fourth Sheltie, Bo.

Ginger and I have four grandchildren, all residing within a 15-minute drive from us in Atlanta. Hartley's children, William and Virginia, are six and three-and-a-half years old. Hill and his wife, Emily Hobgood Jeffries (Westminster '05), have



*Peachtree Road Race, 1982*



*Family photo, Christmas 2022*



*Our wedding, 1980*

a daughter, Joanna, who is three-and-a-half and a son, Shep, who is one. We are so fortunate to be able to spend so much time with our children and grandchildren!

Along the way, we have traveled a lot, in addition to annual summer beach vacations with the growing family. I have at various times been heavily into playing soccer and racquetball as well as running (see the photo of me following my first Peachtree Road Race in 1982). I will run my 40th Peachtree Road Race next July Fourth.

To close out this long narrative (apologies!), I retired at the beginning of 2020. Although I loved my work, my colleagues and my clients (well, most of them), I am loving life without the pressure and stress of law practice. As they say, “every day is a Saturday.” The flexibility afforded by retirement has allowed me to complete many long-delayed house and yard projects, to travel a lot and to see some of our Westminster classmates more often. Johnny B., where are you?