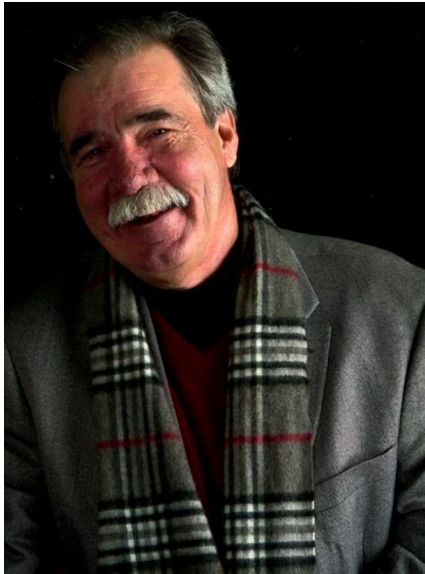


JOHN TYLER FLEMING



JOHN TYLER FLEMING graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1977 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. He continued his post graduate studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and completed his Masters of Education in School Leadership at ETSU. His fondness for "The Andy Griffith Show" led to the development of his thesis on the show's music while at Northwestern!

He began his career as the Assistant Director of Bands at Sevier County High School. He then became director at Unicoi County High School, and later was the director of the Dobyms-Bennett High School Band for 11 years, where he dedicated his efforts to building upon the tradition and legacy of musical excellence that the program is known for today.

Many of us remember the Dobyms-Bennett Band's noteworthy performances in the "old days" of ETSBOA Concert Festival on the stage at the old UTK Music Building, playing grade VI classics as well as the new literature of the time at the highest level.

Tyler was an approachable and highly effective communicator and leader. As President of ETSBOA from 1986-1988 he navigated the association through a difficult financial situation created by a dishonest secretary/treasurer. His leadership put the association on the path toward its current position of respect, transparency and solvency! He was a mentor to many young directors and had a memorable sense of humor. Time spent with Tyler Fleming meant lots of stories and laughter!

Tyler had a lasting impact on music education in East Tennessee. He continued his dedication to education as an administrator at the school and district level of Kingsport City Schools. After retirement from the Kingsport City System, he became headmaster of Ashley Academy in Johnson City, TN. Following his retirement from Ashley Academy, he served on the Board of Education for Elizabethton City School System. Throughout his years as an educator, he was a champion for children who needed one, and an advocate for those who otherwise might have been overlooked.

In addition to his career in education, Tyler also served as the Director of Music Ministry at Stone Drive United Methodist Church of Kingsport, Director of Contemporary Worship Music at First Baptist Church in Kingsport, and Director of Music at First United Methodist Church of Elizabethton