

SHELIA ALLRED KILGORE

SHELIA KILGORE BEGAN HER CAREER AT WALKER HIGH SCHOOL AS A CHEERLEADER AND WAS SELECTED AS HEAD CHEERLEADER HER SENIOR YEAR. There were no competitive sports offered to girls in the early 1970's at Walker. She did, however, participate in volleyball and bowling before her career was over at Walker. She taught at North Highland School and was to become the Coordinator for the Special Olympics for both the Jasper City and Walker County School systems. She somehow found time to compete on the state and international level in Bocca Ball in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



She began her coaching career, as the women's softball coach, at her alma mater in 1991 and immediately took them to prominence at the state level.

She finished 3rd in the Alabama State Tournament that first year and was the team to beat for the next 16 years. Shelia is the only coach in Walker High School history to win 3 back to back State Championships. Her girls won it all in 1994, 1995, and 1996 amassing a record of 245-19 in that 3 year period, and was runner-up in the State Tournament the two previous years. Shelia was selected as the Daily Mountain Eagle Coach of the Year in 1994, Birmingham News Coach of the Year in 1994, AHSAA Coaches Championship Award in 1994, 1995, and 1996, and was selected as the North Highlands Teacher of the Year in 2008, and to top off a phenomenal career she was inducted into the Walker High School Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 2013.

Always having the best interest of her girls at heart, she chose to go to fast pitch softball in 1997, giving up a chance at more state championships, so that her girls would be better prepared to compete at the college level.

She is married to Ronnie Kilgore and they have two children, Brook Anderson and Kyle Kilgore.