

## *Who is Thomas Jerry Scott? Jerry “Dr. J” and “Miss T”*



Thomas Jerry Scott was born in Mobile, AL in 1944. He attended Catholic elementary and high schools, graduating from McGill Institute in 1962. Jerry's father played professional baseball, getting to Triple A in the 1940's. As a youngster, Jerry played all sports, pitching a no-hitter in baseball, scoring 39 points in a basketball game, and scoring many touchdowns in football. But, at age 14, Jerry took up golf, and then broke par at age 15, won the Mobile, Alabama Junior Golf Championship and carried a 0 handicap for many years, the last year being 1994. Jerry attended Mississippi State University of a full golf scholarship. He graduated from MSU in 1966 with a BA in Mathematics. Over the years Jerry has won 20 golf tournaments, including his lifetime golf goal in 1966, the Mobile CC Labor Day Tourney.

Jerry met her at age 5, in 1949, and in 1966, he married the love of his life, Theodora Ferniany, “Miss T”, and they have been married ever since. They have three children, twins Lanie and Thom, born in 1970 and Gwen, born in 1971. They now have seven grandchildren, 4 girls and 3 boys, the first born in 1992 and the last in 2005. In 2002, Jerry wrote “T and Jerry's Culinary Journey”, for “Miss T” and it contains family recipes from both families.

Jerry attended graduate schools at MSU and the University of Georgia on teaching assistantships, ultimately receiving his PHD degree in mathematics in 1972. Jerry taught at Mississippi State University, the University of Georgia, Georgia College, the University of South Alabama, Spring Hill College, and Western Illinois University. He ran the computer center at Spring Hill College from 1984 to 1988, published 50 academic papers, and retired from Western Illinois University as a tenured “Full Professor” of Computer Science in 1996.

Since 1996, Jerry has been doing consulting and computer training. He now specializes in Computer Security and Network Design and Implementation. He currently trains for Learning Tree International and has traveled all over the USA, to Europe eight times, to the Bahamas, and three times to Hong Kong, all for Learning Tree. He received the CISSP Computer Security Professional certification in 2004 and the Security+ Professional Certification in 2005. Jerry has three main hobbies: golf – now a 3 handicap, photography – now much more fun with high capacity digital cameras, and bridge – he attained the rank of “Life Master” from the ACBL in 1989.

Jerry and “Miss T” moved from Illinois to Dauphin Island, AL in 1997, and because of her health problems, back to Mobile in 2006. Together, they have built five homes, including four at Dauphin Island where they were the general contractor. They used a builder for their last home, which sits on two wooded lots and borders the Magnolia Grove “Falls Course” in Mobile. With three courses nearby, Jerry can play golf more regularly. With the wooded lot, “Miss T” now enjoys the beautiful plants and trees in her “Southern Living” garden, and watching the birds, squirrels, and butterflies their rustic surroundings bring for all to enjoy.