



**Rep. Tommy Benton  
R-31**

Biography

**Resident**

Jackson County 6th Generation

Married: Karen Compton Benton

Children: Leigh Ann Allison and husband Casey; Thomas H. Benton, Jr. and wife, Teri; Jeff Farrell, Zack Evans, and two grandchildren, Samuel Thomas Weaver and Thomas Wayne Benton

Parents: Thomas Frazer Benton and Matilda Housch Benton

**Education**

Graduate: Commerce High School, 1968

Graduate: West Georgia College, 1972, AB History

Graduate: Brenau College, 1983, MEd Middle School Education

**Occupation**

Jackson County Board of Education, 1974-2004, retired; Maysville Elementary School – 16 years; Jackson County Middle - 6 years; East Jackson Middle School - 8 years; (GA History & Gov't, American History, Beta Club Sponsor, 1998-2004)

McDonald Ace Hardware, Commerce, 1975-2011(part time)

**Religion**

First United Methodist Church, Commerce, Member since 1962

**Public Service**

Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission, 1994-2004

Hunter Safety Instructor - 1984- present

Treasurer, Jackson County Bicentennial Committee, 1996

**Organizations**

National Rifle Association - Life Member

Sons of Confederate Veterans - Life Member

Military Order of the Stars and Bars

Sons of the American Revolution – Gainesville Chapter

Jackson County Historical Society

Jackson County Retired Teachers Association

Unity Masonic Lodge #36, Jefferson