## Frank J. Myers

Frank, the son of Melvin and Eva Myers, started playing the guitar about nine and won country music contests by 12 at which time he started performing with Grand Old Opry stars. For example, he played at Memorial Hall with the George Jones show at that tender age. At 15 he appeared on the Porter Wagoner Show in Nashville. As a senior in 1975, he did a very successful country music show for NHS to raise money for our radio station.

Frank moved to Nashville with his wife Belinda in 1981 and landed a job as band leader, road manager, and lead guitarist for Eddy Raven for 9 years. With Eddy, Frank started writing, playing, and co-producing sessions. They had 10 top ten songs, including two number ones. His first hit single was "You and I" in 1982. It was number one nationally on the country charts and led to a Grammy nomination for Eddie Rabbitt and Crystal Gayle.

Frank began working with writer Gary Baker and their first number one was "Once Upon a Lifetime" by Alabama. Their greatest accomplishment as writers together came when John Michael Montgomery recorded "I Swear" which was number one for 4 weeks. Then it was recorded by All 4 One and went to number one on the pop charts for 11 weeks. "I Swear" won Frank a Grammy and numerous awards from American Songwriter magazine, Country Radio Awards, C. M. A. Awards, A.S.C.A.P. Awards, and Billboard which selected it as the number one song in 1994.

Frank has also written songs for many stars, including Barbara Mandrell, Tanya Tucker, Hank Williams Jr., Leann Rimes, Sawyer Brown, Travis Tritt, Donna Ulisse, Marie Osmond, and Johnny Cash.

Frank has a message for Northridge youth. "Follow your dreams. It doesn't matter how small your town or school is. Pursue your dream relentlessly and keep the Lord first in your life."

Mr. Myers is in upper echelon of songwriters and brings honor to NHS.