

## **22 QUESTIONS: SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR DONNA ROBINSON**

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Donna Robinson is the director of the Cookeville Senior Citizens Center. Herald-Citizen Photo/Bailey Darrow

Name: Donna Sue Thomas Robinson

Hometown: Silver Point



Now living in: Silver Point

Family: Husband, Glen; a daughter and son-in-law; two sons and daughters-in-law; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

First job: Owner/operator of the Rose Garden Restaurant.

Current occupation (and since when): Director of the Cookeville Senior Citizens Center since February of 2011. Before being appointed director, I was the assistant director, and previous to that, the activities and program director. I have been employed by the Center for 35 years.

What I love about my job: Being able to help others and the daily association with the many seniors who make up my extended family.

Part of my job I could do without: Having to say goodbye to members who are moving to another location or who have passed away.

What drew me to the occupation: My friend, Tommie Campbell, called me and asked if I would be interested in working with the Center. I interviewed and was happy in the work and, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

Dream job: To have been a designer and studied abroad, especially in France.

When I'm not working, I'm: Enjoying time with my family and friends and shopping.

I'm most proud of: My husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and the warm family life we now have.

Something most people don't know about me: My commitment to helping those who are less fortunate and who need encouragement.

Favorite movie: Gone with the Wind.

Favorite food: Southern country cooking and veggie pizza.

My hero (and why): My father. We always did things together as a family. And because of his dedication to God and family.

As a child I'd thought I'd grow up to be: I always wanted to be a loving wife and mother and to have a happy home.

What I watch on TV: Antiques Roadshow, more antiques, history and American Idol.

Favorite childhood memory: Going to my grandparents' after church on Sundays and playing with all my cousins. My birthday parties were special also.

If I could do it all over again: Travel more with my husband and children when they were small.

I'd love to meet (living or dead): John F. Kennedy and Elvis.

Advice I'd pass on to future generations: Love one another and do the best you can do in all things you attempt.

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