



### **BIOGRAPHY ON JOE GARRIS JR.**

Councilman Joe Garris and his family are long time residents of Gulf Shores, Alabama. Joe graduated from Foley High School in 1971 and attended Faulkner State for general studies. He then went to work in the family business, Garris Propeller and Machine Shop. The Garris family then expanded their business into one of the biggest boat yards in the area.

Joe now owns and operates a charter boat service in Orange Beach and Fort Morgan. He will always tell you Gulf Shores offers some of the best fishing and boating along the Gulf Coast, and he should know; he has been fishing these waters for 40 year aboard his boat The Dottie JO.

Councilman Garris was elected in 2004 to serve his first four year term as a Gulf Shores Councilperson. He ran unopposed in 2008 and was elected to serve a second four year term from 2008 – 2012.

He is an active member of the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church.

Councilman Garris and wife of 33 years, Dottie, have two children, Sonja Dale Gravitt and Robert Lee Garris. Dale is a graduate of Montevallo University and the Mother of Joe and Dottie's pride and joy, two grandchildren, Tanner, 4 and Blu, 2. Robert is living his childhood dream working for the Gulf Shores Fire Department.

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