

NC Commission on Inclusion

Cecelia Dula Surratt

Vice Chair of Burke County Democratic Party



A native of Caldwell County, North Carolina, Cecelia Dula Surratt is a retiree of the J. Iverson Riddle Institute where she served individuals with physical and mental challenges. After retirement, Surratt immersed herself in serving the community. This began with her involvement with the Human Relation Commission for the city of Morganton five years ago, which she has served as chairperson for the last three years. She has also served as the precinct chairperson for the Burke County Democratic Party for five years. Recently, Surratt was elected as vice chairperson for the Burke County Democratic Party. For the last two terms, she has been a state executive commission member for the Democratic Party.

In addition, she served as a board member and volunteer for the Outreach Center for 5 years assisting over 800 needed families. In

conjunction, Surratt sat on several promotion boards for Morganton Public Safety. She is actively serving as a board member of the Historic Burke Foundation where we encourage the preservation of historic structures through education in rehabilitation, adaptive reuse and restoration in and around Burke County. She is also a board member with Burke Women's Foundation.

Aside from actions in the civic arena, Surratt is also an active member of Horizon Church where she serves as an elder from time to time and accepts speaking engagements at local churches. She is also a special events planner for church and local organizations.

Surratt has been married 29 years to Johnny L. Surratt, a retired state trooper. She has four children and eleven grandchildren.