

Dr. Veronica Elaine Smith Hudson received her BSN from Mobile College in 1984 and her MSN from the University of Mobile in 2003. While working as a Professor of Nursing at the University of South Alabama she received her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Community Health from the University of South Alabama in 2007.

Dr. Hudson has resided in Saraland since 1965 and graduated from Satsuma High School in 1979. She started working at Springhill Memorial Hospital in 1985 with various positions of Pediatric Nurse, Recovery Room Nurse, Charge Nurse, Nurse Educator, Nurse Supervisor and Nurse Manager. She presently works as a Nurse Manager of Postpartum and Newborn Nursery at the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital.

Dr. Hudson was selected as one of the first five school board members of Saraland Board of Education. While serving as a School Board Commissioner she chaired the legal committee and co-chaired the superintendent search committee. She chaired the Community Advisory Council (CAP) and helped to organized community support that helped to select the Spartan mascot and the red and gray school colors.

Dr. Hudson is a board member of the Saraland Satsuma Chickasaw Community Education Council where she sponsors a Hudson Family scholarship. She's a member of Keep Saraland Beautiful, the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Saraland Planning Board and a sponsor of the Historical Bailey Cemetery. She attends Calvary Temple in Saraland and has been a longtime member of Freewill Pentecostal Church of God in Mobile. She was nominated as Citizen of the Year in 2008, 2009, and 2010. Dr. Hudson was appointed to the City Council in 2009. She introduced to the City Council a Smoke Free Saraland.

Dr. Hudson has been married to Fred Hudson for over 34 years. They have two daughters (both graduates of the University of South Alabama), and two sons (graduates of Gulfport Community College and Bishop State Community College) and 3 grandchildren: Aidan, Aubree and Tristan. She values education and sponsored the Hudson Family scholarship in honor of her family.