

Charles Mullins was born in Claremore, Oklahoma, but at the age of eight his family moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he lived until completing his B. Sc. Degree in Mathematics at Oklahoma State University in 1961. During his senior year he taught a course in Business Arithmetic for the Department of Mathematics. In 1966 he graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana with a Ph. D. in Mathematics where he also taught as a graduate assistant. He and his son, Andrew, then moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where Charles taught for one year in the Department of Mathematics at Oregon State University. With the blessing of his Department Chair he and his son left for Nigeria for a one-year appointment in the Math Dept at Ibadan University. After a brief stint in the army during which time his son lived with Charles' parents in Stillwater, Charles decided to explore further the prospects of teaching abroad and he and Andrew landed in Tanzania where Charles taught at the Dar es Salaam branch of the University of East Africa. After two years in Tanzania they moved to Shiraz, Iran, where Charles taught at Pahlavi University. In order to expedite his search for yet another job abroad, Charles took a one-year Visiting Professor appointment at his alma mater, the University of Illinois. During their stay in Iran they had visited, Istanbul, Turkey, and Charles applied for and received a position at Bogazici University in Istanbul. Four years later they moved to Kenya when Charles was hired by Nairobi University. Finally, in 1982, Andrew left home at the tender age of 18 and moved to Denmark where he lived until returning to the States in 1988. After a wonderful 8 years in Kenya, Charles finally moved on to Beijing, China, where he taught until just a few months before the terrible events in Tiannamen Square. For family reasons, Charles decided to return "home" to Stillwater, Oklahoma, in 1989 to teach at his first alma mater, OSU. The next year he received an appointment at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. From 1991 to 1993 he was on a Fulbright at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. Finally, in 1999 he joined the Math Dept at ASMS(A) and is starting his eighth wonderful year of teaching here. Counting the one year as a senior assistant at OSU and the five years as a graduate assistant at the University of Illinois, this will be Charles' 47th year of teaching. Andrew now lives in London, England, with a childhood sweetheart, Mina, whom he first dated in Nairobi when he was 16. In 1999 They met again in San Francisco and Charles just happened to be there as well attending a Math Conference. They married the following year. They now have three lovely daughters, Isabella, age 6, Natalie, age 3, and Kendra, age 1. Charles has visited them nearly every summer since they got married and usually joins them for great Christmas celebrations at Mina's folks in Oxford. The photo shows from left to right: Mina's sister, Sophie, Isabella, Charles, Mina, Natalie, Kendra and Andrew.