

Mrs. Carolyn Coleman Smith



Carolyn Coleman Smith, a second generation teacher and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Coleman, was born in Forsyth, Georgia on November 13, 1916. She moved to Perry with her family in 1925. Her mother, Mamie, taught school for 50 years and was considered an “institution” at Perry High School.

Mrs. Smith graduated from Perry High School in 1933. She received a Bachelor of Arts from the Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville in 1937. She later did graduate work at Mercer University.

Mrs. Smith began her teaching career in 1937 in Roberta and later taught in Hawkinsville and Monroe before returning to Perry High School in September of 1943. She retired in 1980 after 42 years as a classroom teacher, most of which was spent teaching American and World History.

In addition to her excellent performance as a teacher, Mrs. Smith was the year book advisor for many years. She also worked with the cheerleaders and assisted with the school’s drama program. She was a delightful person who was always enthusiastic about her chosen profession.

Mrs. Smith died on April 25, 1986.