

Mrs. Evelyn Dowdy Ross



Mrs. Evelyn Dowdy Ross was born in Pitts, Georgia on May 10, 1918. After graduating from high school in 1935, she attended Norman Junior College. In 1955 Mrs. Ross and her family moved to Warner Robins, where she first taught fifth grade at Charles Thomas Elementary. After one year at Thomas, she moved to Lindsey Elementary where she dedicated her remaining 23 years of service.

During the summers she continued her education at Mercer University and Tift College, graduating from Tift in 1960. Mrs. Ross taught for 24 years in Houston County, working from January 1955 until her retirement in June of 1979.

Mrs. Ross's impact on education in Houston County extended beyond her own impressive career - three of her granddaughters followed her example and now teach in Houston County schools. A teacher at heart, she has also devoted many years to teaching Sunday school and for nine years she taught at the International Language School. She has also volunteered for many years at Christian Social Ministries. Mrs. Ross resides in Warner Robins.

"Under her mentorship I learned many valuable lessons and probably the most important was to love and to show that love to students. She always said that she had a policy that if she had to discipline a child during the day that she made sure to say something very special to that child before the end of the day. I consider being with Evelyn Ross one of my lifelong blessings. She has blessed my life and countless others."

~ Sally Mayton, teacher mentee

"She is such a quiet, loving, caring and gentle-spirited person. Having been a teacher myself, I know academics are important, but really, what is so very important is how a child is made to feel about herself. No one did a better job of caring for and building up their students than Mrs. Ross."

~ Bonnie Perdue, former student