## Mrs. Gervaise Wynn Perdue



Gervaise Wynn Perdue was born in Irwin County, Georgia on April 30, 1926. She earned a master's degree from the University of Georgia in 1959. She later earned a Specialist in Education from Mercer University in 1971.

Mrs. Perdue taught in the Houston County School System for 20 years. She taught at Warner Robins High, Lindsey Elementary, Westside Elementary and Shirley Hills Elementary.

Mrs. Perdue is remembered as a strict but caring teacher, who was cooperative and supportive of the objectives in the school. She was known as an open communicator among her students, parents and fellow teachers. She willingly shared her teaching skills with

coworkers.

Mrs. Perdue initiated the gifted student program, FOCUS - Fostering Originality, Creative thinking, Unique ideas and Self-direction - in the Houston County School System. Her direct involvement and influence were strengths of the program. She worked with other teachers to develop the program for gifted students. Mrs. Perdue was tremendously enthusiastic and willing to take responsibility for this challenging and creative program, which continues today in Houston County schools.

Mrs. Perdue retired June 10, 1982, after more than 30 years of service. She currently resides in Macon, Georgia.