

Mrs. Gloria Mason Ragin



Mrs. Gloria Mason Ragin was born on November 6, 1928, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Her parents were both educators - her mother taught elementary school and her father was a professor of Latin and math.

She received her bachelor's degree from Johnson C. Smith University in 1950. A specialist degree was earned at Tuskegee University in 1952.

Mrs. Ragin taught in Houston County for 31 years, beginning November of 1953. She worked at the Houston County Training School, New Hope Elementary, Perry Junior High and Perry High. While teaching she served as a Delegate to the N.E.A. Convention both in 1980 and 1984. She retired in June of 1984. Mrs. Ragin resides in Perry with her husband, Herman Ragin.



"As a third-grader, my eyes dazzled to see the beautiful, young, poised lady standing at her classroom door. It was my teacher, Mrs. Ragin."

~ Velma Thomas Moultrie, former student

"During those first critical years of integration, Mrs. Ragin was a voice of calm and stability. Her reputation as one of the best classroom teachers in the county made her the choice of several schools in requesting that she join their faculty. Her wonderful ability in reaching children and giving them the opportunity to perform at their best has given Mrs. Ragin the long lasting reputation as one of the finest teachers ever to teach in the schools of Houston County."

~ James E. Worrall, principal