

Mrs. Annabelle Watts Katsekis Lytle



Mrs. Annabelle Watts Lytle was born in Lincolnton, Georgia on April 3, 1930. After graduating from Perry High School in 1947, she attended Georgia Southwestern and received her degree in 1950. She also graduated from the Georgia Teachers College in Statesboro where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1956. In 1974, she earned her master's degree at Georgia College.

Mrs. Lytle taught in Houston County classrooms for 23 years. She taught at five elementary schools: Thomas, Miller, Tucker, Perry and Bonaire. A dedicated, caring and compassionate teacher, she encouraged and assisted each child in reaching his maximum ability. A firm disciplinarian, she also earned the love and respect of the children she taught. Her co-workers describe her as "inspirational," "role model," "positive" and "dedicated."

Mrs. Lytle retired June 10, 1988, from the school system. An active church member at First Baptist Church of Perry, she volunteers in the office, serves as class secretary, and is a team leader in the Benevolence Ministry. She resides in Perry.

"Mrs. Katsekis made me feel as though I was one of the most important students in her classroom; but in talking with others (years later) I discovered...they felt the same way."

~ Tonya F. Pinckley, educator and former student

"There was a magical blend of love, compassion, discipline, work and play in her classroom."

~ Rhonda Denise Fields Dunn, former student

"She welcomed us the first day with a warm smile and a sincere interest in learning about her students. Throughout the year, she redirected firmly, yet lovingly and consistently. She treated us all fairly. I felt safe. I felt loved."

~ Jennifer C. Franklin, educator and former student

