

Mrs. Bertie Riner

Mrs. Bertie Riner was born in Graham, Georgia on February 13, 1934. She graduated from Hazelhurst High School in 1950.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1972 and her master's degree in 1974 from Georgia Southwestern.

She taught in Houston County schools for 21 years, teaching at Southside Elementary and Perry Elementary. She was known for her positive, "can do" attitude. Her students' favorite activities included learning Easter parade lyrics and fieldtrips to her farm to fish and see the farm animals. Well-respected by her peers, she was selected the Perry Elementary Teacher of the Year in 1982 and 1985.



She was active in the Perry community and at First Baptist Church. Mrs. Riner retired in June 9, 1993 and currently resides in Alpharetta, Georgia. She and her husband, Curtis, raised three children, Curt, Steve and Melanie.

"Mrs. Riner was an amazing teacher. She exhibited the perfect combination of firmness and fun with her teaching, all the while molding her students into smart and capable little citizens. She taught us all to respect our teachers and each other, and shared life lessons with her students."

~ Lisa Rackely Ade, former student

"Mrs. Riner took me under her wing and was my biggest supporter. She mentored me and helped me survive that first year. Had she not been there for me, I would have quit teaching forever. Because of her love and encouragement I remained in the classroom until my retirement in 2004."

~ Tricia Parker, teacher mentee and parent

