

Mr. W. Earl Marshall, III



W. Earl Marshall, born in Reynolds, Georgia on April 15, 1927, graduated from Perry High School in 1944. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Mercer University in 1949 and later earned master's and specialist degrees from the University of Georgia.

He came to Perry High School in 1951 and spent 19 years as an outstanding science teacher. Many graduates who went on to become doctors, dentists, veterinarians, and others in fields that required a strong science background attribute much of their success to the solid base provided by Mr. Marshall's classroom instruction and personal interest.

He was named Houston County STAR teacher on three occasions. When Perry began a girls' varsity basketball team in 1958, he accepted the challenge of Principal Eric Staples to coach the team. A former junior varsity boys' coach, he accepted the position at a school long noted for its boys' basketball program. Mr. Marshall's girls' teams were consistently competitive during his 12-year tenure as coach while he still taught a full load of science classes.

Perry's year book, Panther, was dedicated to him in 1959. "To a dedicated teacher, a patient coach and good friend..." read the citation. Mr. Marshall left Perry High School in 1970 after nearly 20 years and continued teaching until 1994, spending 45 years as a teacher. He died January 23, 2004.