

## **Mrs. Dorothy Naomi Jones**



Dorothy Naomi Jones was born and raised in Peach County, Georgia. She graduated from Hunt High School and received her bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State University. Mrs. Jones began teaching in Houston County in 1955.

She taught at Southside Elementary School near Elko prior to integration, and later moved to Centerville Elementary. While at Southside Elementary, she made an extra effort to reach out to all her students. One who went far and beyond the call of duty, she brought food and clothing to students and often invited them to her home.

In the classroom, she kept children excited about learning. She provided all kinds of self-made teaching aids to enhance hands-on learning experiences. She brought in people from the community to speak about their jobs as an enrichment exercise for her students.

Mrs. Jones also mentored and inspired new teachers. She emphasized bridging the gap between school and home and even accompanied fellow teachers on home visits to meet with parents.

She retired in 1979 after teaching for almost 24 years. Mrs. Jones passed away in 2001.