

## Dinwiddie County

### Hometown Heroes 2018

#### Bio: Ruby Williams Evans (1943 – 2019)

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Ruby Williams Evans was born in Sutherland, Virginia on August 18, 1943 to Tea Mack and Corrine Williams. One of two girls in a seven-child family, she attended Rocky Branch School and graduated in 1961 from Southside High School.

After high school, Mrs. Evans graduated with an Associate's degree from Durham Business College. She met and married Larry Evans and the couple made their home in Dinwiddie County. They raised two daughters, LaTanja and LaTrease, and are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

Mrs. Evans worked as an Administrative Assistant at Virginia State University, and retired after 47 years and 8 months. During her time there, Mrs. Evans earned a bachelor's degree in Individualized Studies with concentration in Business Administration, and was a mentor to countless students. After so many years of service, Mrs. Evans was honored during a retirement celebration. Rather than gifts, she asked that friends, family and colleagues contribute to an endowment established in her name. She and her husband saw this as an opportunity to continue to help students. The \$10,000 endowment is scheduled to mature this year and will provide scholarships to full-time students at Virginia State University on the basis of GPA and financial need.

Ruby Evans is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Delta Omega Chapter, Petersburg, Virginia. She served as their graduate advisor for the Alpha Epsilon Chapter for nine years, and earned the title of Graduate Advisory of the Year for the Mid-Atlantic Region in 2003. Mrs. Evans is an active member of Dinwiddie's chapter of the NAACP and has served as secretary/treasurer. Mrs. Evans is also an active member of the County's Democratic Committee, where she currently serves as Vice-President. She is a member of Rocky Branch Baptist Church, where she holds the position of Director of Christian Education Ministry under the direction of her pastor, Reverend Lynn G. Robinson. Ruby is co-chair of the United Churches of Dinwiddie and coordinates their annual "6 in 1 Conference". Mrs. Evans is a tireless advocate and worker for voter registration.

Ruby Williams Evans has a loving and kind spirit. She has had a significant impact on the lives of others and encouraged them to become involved in Dinwiddie County activities. The Board of Supervisors greatly appreciates her service, and is honored to name her among their 2018 Hometown Heroes.

Mrs. Ruby Williams Evans passed on July 27, 2019 at the age of 76.