## **Geraldine Edmonds Spicely** 2016 Dinwiddie County Hometown Hero Bio

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- Geraldine Edmonds Spicely was born November 26, 1927 in Dinwiddie County, Virginia.
- She is the daughter of the late Joseph and Ruth Berry Edmonds.
- Geraldine graduated from Virginia State College, now University, in 1949.
- She taught at Dinwiddie Training School and Southside High School.
- She taught English, History and Reading in Dinwiddie County and in Germany.
- Geraldine is married to Retired Colonel Samuel B. Spicely, also of Dinwiddie County.
- They have two daughters: Artrelle L. Spicely is a nurse at MCV Hospital and lives in Richmond, VA and Samelia B. Spicely, who currently resides with her mother.
- Geraldine has volunteered more than 20 years at the Dinwiddie Branch of the Appomattox Regional Library.
- She was the Secretary of the Friends of the Library Dinwiddie.
- She has also served as Secretary of the Dinwiddie Lions Club; of which she is a Charter Member.
- Mrs. Spicely served for eight years on the Dinwiddie County School Board, during which time, she held the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- She also served on Dinwiddie County's Residential Growth Committee and the Dinwiddie County Youth Advisory Board.
- She was inducted into the sisterhood of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in 1947 and is a Life Member of the organization.
- Geraldine is a member of the Mount Poole Baptist Church in Ford, Virginia, where she has served as Hospitality Chairman for 32 years. She has also served as Sunday School Teacher and Sunday School Superintendent.
- Mrs. Spicely continues to be involved in several ministries within the church.
- Col. and Mrs. Spicely were high school sweethearts and the only two members of their 1945 graduating class to marry.
- They have been married for 64 years and have lived in Germany, Kansas, Kentucky and Maryland. The Spicely's have traveled to Switzerland, Italy and Austria.

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- While they have enjoyed seeing the world, there's no place like home.
- On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank Mrs. Geraldine Spicely for her contributions and continued service to Dinwiddie County and welcome her as a 2016 Dinwiddie County Hometown Hero.