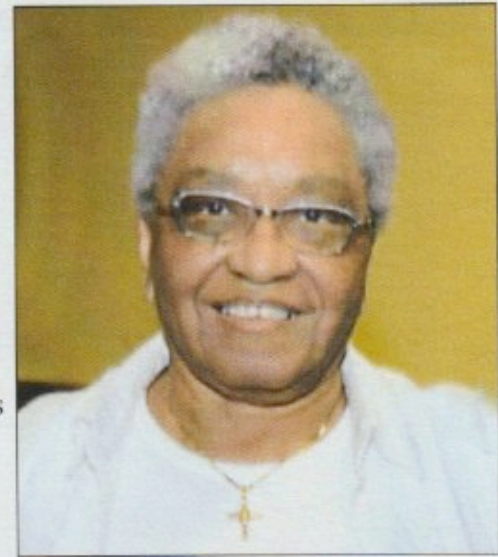


Dorothy S. Blevens



Dorothy S. Blevens was born in Magnolia, AR the oldest child and only daughter of the late Reverend Reuel and Horatio Shepherd. Dorothy graduated from Columbia County High School and earned her Bachelor's of Arts in Education degree from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA and a Masters of Arts degree from Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR. Further studies continued at Howard University, Washington, DC; University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin; University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas and Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR.

Her career in education covered a span of 38 years, serving as librarian at Peake High School and Arkadelphia High School; summer program at Simmons School, Okolona, AR; summer reading programs at Peake School – sponsored through the Clark County Library; faculty member – Reference and Circulation Librarian, Ouachita Baptist University and Director of the Ronald McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at Ouachita Baptist University.

She has always been actively involved in service to her church, schools, and community through volunteering:

Church:

- United at an early age with Bethlehem Baptist Church, Magnolia, AR under the leadership of Reverend C.C. Shepherd
- Member of St. Ruth Baptist Church, Gum Springs, AR, Reverend Jamal Brown, Pastor

Education:

- One of five Blacks nationwide to receive a national defense scholarship to the University of Wisconsin
- Member of the National Education Association (retired) and the Arkansas Education Association (retired)
- Member of Southern University Alumni Association
- Member of Columbia County High School Alumni Association

Community:

- Previous member of the Clark County Historical Society during its first year of organization in 1972
- Former secretary of the NAACP
- Former Board Member of the local Red Cross
- Current Member of the Sunshine Service Club
- Volunteer – Community Family Enrichment Center for 20 years

Dorothy is widow to Charles B. Blevens, former Peake High School graduate, science teacher, and 2014 Inductee in the Buffaloes' Foundation, Inc. Hall of Fame. She has two adult children and two grandchildren.

...{Mrs. Blevens} had a significant impact on my life to help me become emotionally, spiritually and financially successful... – COL Jessie Paul Newborn, Ret.