



Mrs. Hattie Lee (Peters) Clark was born May 5, 1917, in a Chambers County community, Oak Bowery, Alabama. She grew up in Anniston, Alabama, graduating from Barber Terrence High School there. After high school, she spent some years working, seeing no possible chance of furthering her schooling. But along the way, she had made many wonderful friends, who encouraged her — not only with words, but with actions. As a result, she enrolled in the Alabama Normal Institute, a two-year teacher's college, now known as Alabama A & M University in Huntsville. There, she graduated with honors. After graduation, she began a successful teaching career which lasted for more than 36 years. She taught in rural communities, one-room school houses, churches, homes, and gave her life to shaping young minds during a time when

educational opportunities for black citizens was a precious and rare opportunity.

She furthered her education at Alabama State University in Montgomery, where she received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. It was also during this time, that she had begun a long tenure of service as a member of the faculty of the Randolph County Training School in Roanoke, where she served admirably as Coordinator for the Elementary Department. Being an astute, conscientious, and well-versed individual, many of her co-workers affectionately called her "pres."

She also furthered her education at Tuskegee Institute where she earned several credits toward the Masters Degree; but because she was a devoted and loving wife, mother, and citizen, did not pursue this degree to its completion.

She ended her career as an academician with her retirement from the Roanoke City Schools in 1974. But, her contribution to her community did not end there. She led a very active retirement, by writing numerous articles to newspapers, which addressed racial, educational, and civic issues. She was well respected for her ability to articulate to the public, the sentiments of masses of people. This she did with finesse and dignity. She contributed to and supported every worthwhile cause including the N.A.A.C.P., A.D.C., Alabama Educational Association, The United Methodist Church and numerous others.