



Mrs. Malissa Giles Tucker

Malissa Tucker is one of the best known and most revered teachers in the history of Perry schools. She taught for 38 years, 22 of those at Perry Junior High, where she was an outstanding eighth-grade math teacher and principal.

A no-nonsense teacher, she was known and respected for her “Tucker Method” of teaching.

“Go to the blackboard; write your name on the board. Work problem number two on page 63 that you had for homework, and be sure to show all your work,” she would say. Each of the four to six students sent to the board would have to stand alone in front of his or her work and explain it to the class. Little did her students know that they were learning the principles of responsibility, preparation, mathematics, stress management, and oral presentation - all at the same time.

Tucker Elementary School in Perry was named in honor of Mrs. Tucker in 1963. She received many awards for her teaching and work in the community. Mrs. Tucker was named “Who’s Who in Georgia” and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Mrs. Tucker died at age 95 on July 24, 1995. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Perry.