

## **Who was Edward L. Bouie, Sr.?**

Dr. Edward L Bouie, Sr. was born on October 27, 1923 in Blakely, Georgia where he completed his elementary and secondary school education. Following his public school education Dr. Bouie enlisted in the United States Army in 1943 and served in World War II, both in New Guinea and the Philippines. As a result of his performance, he received both Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal.

Following his discharge from the Army, Dr. Bouie enrolled in Morris Brown College. He graduated in 1950 with a degree in secondary education. Immediately after graduating from college, Dr. Bouie began a long illustrious career with DeKalb County School System. From 1950-65, he was assigned to Victoria Simmons Elementary School, first as a teacher and then as a principal. During this time Dr. Bouie continued his education and graduated from Atlanta University in 1956 with a master degree in Educational Administration. From 1965-1969, Dr. Bouie served as principal of Robert Shaw Elementary School.

As a result of a school desegregation court order, Robert Shaw School was closed in 1969. Dr. Bouie then assumed the position of Instructional Coordinator until 1973. At that time, he was promoted to Administrative Coordinator and served in that position until 1975.

Dr. Bouie believed strongly in self-improvement and continuing education. Therefore, despite the frequent promotions and changes in job assignments, he continued to go to school, and in 1977, he graduated from Georgia State University with a Ph.D. degree in Educational Administration and Supervision.

In 1975, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Community and Staff Relations. He was one of the first black Assistant Superintendents appointed in the DeKalb School System. In 1982, Dr. Bouie was appointed Associate Superintendent for Program Development and Self-Assessment, a position he held until his retirement. Dr. Bouie had completed thirty-nine years of service in the DeKalb County School System.

Dr. Bouie was married to former Ruby Wyatt. He had two sons, Edward, Jr. and Tony. Dr. Bouie died on October 14, 1992.

The faculty, staff, and community are proud to be a part of the legacy of this great Dekalb County educator.