



Hardin-Houston Wall of Honor



Coleen Lumpkin



Teaching is truly a rewarding experience. The saying “To teach is to touch a life forever” is a motto that Miss Lumpkin followed over her illustrious 43 ¼ years in education, with forty of those years as a teacher at Hardin-Houston Elementary. Over the years, many of her past students requested that Miss Lumpkin be their child’s teacher, which speaks volumes to the admiration parents had for her as an educator. She had a great influence on her students’ lives and these same parents wanted her to impact their children’s lives as well. Characteristics such as passionate, unwavering, caring, accountable, and tough define who she was as a teacher and as a person. Within her classroom, Miss Lumpkin was known for her treat closet where she would give treats for 100% papers. At one time, 4th graders were asked, “What would you do if you had to stay at school overnight?” One student quipped, “Not a problem, we will go to Miss Lumpkin’s room and survive on her treat drawer.”

Although she retired at the end of the 2008-09 school year, Miss Lumpkin has remained active with the retired teachers from the Hardin-Houston community and the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority. To this day, Miss Lumpkin still receives personal letters from past students detailing the influence she had on their life. Whether she wants to admit it or not, her legacy is being continued by numerous past students who currently teach in the Hardin-Houston School system.



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Coleen Lumpkin was inducted on December 9, 2023



Coleen Lumpkin and family on the night of her induction.