



# Mary Gentry

Mrs. Mary Gentry was born in Vienna, Georgia. She graduated from Unadilla High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics in 1981 at Tift College. She later received a Master in Education from Georgia Southwestern State University.

She began her teaching career at Northside Middle School in 1981 where she taught math. In 1987, she moved to Perry High School where she taught math and chorus. Mrs. Gentry retired from the Houston County School District in June 2018 after

teaching for 37 years. During her tenure, she taught every math course from lower level seventh grade to AP Calculus. She also piloted the Applied Math Courses taught during the 1990's. As a result, she became a facilitator for the Applied Math training courses offered around the state. Since retiring from Houston County, she began teaching math at The Westfield School in Perry.

Mrs. Gentry and her husband, Greg, have been married for 32 years and live on their farm in Hawkinsville. Mr. and Mrs. Gentry have two sons and two grandchildren. She loves playing the organ and singing in the choir at First Baptist of Perry.



Mary Gentry is the epitome of what an excellent educator looks like, talks like, but more noticeably - walks like. Over the course of my life, she loved, held, and guided me through struggles inside and outside of the classroom. She mentored me in high school and college so I could develop a love and understanding of mathematics.

Many of the math teachers at Perry High were taught by her so that goes to show how much her work has meant to every one of us who have answered the call to become educators. It is our highest honor to teach in the halls hallowed by her great influence so the next generation can love math as well.

*Jamie Stewart*



To watch Mary Gentry in the classroom is to witness something that can almost be defined as sacred. When the cap comes off the marker, she tells a story with numbers that no one can quite repeat the same way. She has been a pillar to the halls of Perry High - teaching the beginning learners the foundations of algebra to coaching the top of the class through calculus. Students who sat in her classroom and now sit elsewhere, all still sing her praises. She is a legend that other educators aspire to be. She groomed many teachers during her 37 years and supplied each of us with the opportunities to gain experience and leadership. When I survey any success of my career, it is directly tied to her name.

*Tiffany Frank*

