

Emma Adams

Basketball



Emma Adams graduated from Rowe HS in Jasper in 1955 after excelling as a basketball guard and team captain. During her junior and senior seasons, the team won district championships. She also ran track and was nicknamed, "Sea Biscuit."

Adams attended Texas Southern University and received a Bachelor of Music Education degree with emphasis in voice, and later a Master of Education from Stephen F. Austin University. Adams taught music and language arts in Cleveland, Texas and for 31 years taught music in the Jasper ISD, retiring in 1992.

A widow, she was married for 42 years to Carl D. Adams Sr. and they parented two sons, Carl, Jr. and Raefel, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is the musician at Mount Olive Baptist Church which she has attended for 52 years. Adams is recognized as a pillar of the community, serving whenever and wherever she is needed, is a musician for weddings and funerals and loves to bake. Throughout the community, she is known for her "pineapple pound cake."

Mary Lena Cooper Peoples

Basketball



A 1960 graduate of West Kirbyville HS, Mary Lena Cooper Peoples established herself as one of the best basketball players in school history. She was also the school's first drum major.

She was a member of district championship teams at Kirbyville coached by Brady Beauregard.

She attended Houston Community College then worked for the Houston Independent School District for 15 years and is currently employed at Children's Protective Service.