

Dinwiddie County
2024 Hometown Hero: Barbara G. Pegram



Barbara Greene was born August 25, 1948 in Dinwiddie County to Hoover and Sarah Greene. She was the second of six siblings and was also the “plus daughter” of her Aunt Belle Greene Williams.

Barbara is a product of Dinwiddie County Public Schools. Her educational foundation was laid at the two-room Evan’s School in Church Road, VA and she went on to Southside High School to join the class of 1967. Barbara Greene married her high school sweetheart Edward Pegram. Later this year, Mr. and Mrs. Pegram will celebrate 58 years of marriage. The two made their home in Dinwiddie County and raised three beautiful daughters, Pamela, Adria, and Shonda. Their daughters yielded 2 sons-in law, 5 grandchildren, 2 grandsons-in law, and 2 great-grandchildren. She also has a godson, Brian Greene.

Children are her passion. Mrs. Pegram worked for 39 years and 11 months as a Special Education Paraprofessional for Dinwiddie County Public Schools. During that time she was also a school bus driver. Even after retirement from the classroom, Barbara Pegram continues to transport children safely to and from school each day. She absolutely loves her job and considers it therapy more than work.

While working as a Paraprofessional, Mrs. Pegram helped to plan and organize the first-ever “Graduation/Crossing Over” ceremony for Dinwiddie Middle School. As a bus driver in 2008, she assisted in the development and design of the first bus routes that used a Programmed Manifest Schedule. She lobbied hard to have the compensation of school bus drivers increased from \$8/per hour to \$15/hour, and in 2018 was recognized as one of Dinwiddie County Public Schools’ “20 People to Watch”.

Barbara Pegram formerly served as a member of the Jolly Sunshine Senior Citizens of Amelia County, and the Poplar Grove Chapter of the Eastern Star. In 1990 she was

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named Woman of the Year by the Dinwiddie Charter Chapter of the American Business Women Association. She is currently a member of the Dinwiddie Chapter of the NAACP, The United Churches of Dinwiddie, United Churches Choir, Dinwiddie County Bus Drivers Advisory Board, and is a Notary for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mrs. Pegram volunteers with the Dinwiddie Christmas Sharing Foundation, Dinwiddie Food Bank, served as a Dinwiddie COVID Volunteer, and always sees to the needs of her neighbors.

Barbara Pegram is a lifelong member of Marmora Baptist Church, where she was baptized at the age of 12. She has served as Church Clerk and Office Administrator for more than 35 years. In 2001, she was ordained as a Deacon and is presently Chairman of the Diaconate Board. Mrs. Pegram is a member of the Marmora Church Choir, and Founder of the churches Women's Ministry. Deacon Pegram enjoys working for the Lord and believes that anything worth doing is worth doing right! Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

In her free time, Mrs. Pegram loves to shop. She "rides to shop", "walks to shop", "flies to shop", and "shops online". She enjoys outings with her daughters and grandchildren, event planning, and cooking her mom's famous "Old Fashioned Rice Pudding", but don't ask for the recipe...she is not sharing! Mrs. Pegram absolutely loves Christmas lights and adds to the display in and around their home each year. She once told her husband if he stands still long enough, she'll put lights on him! Her motto is, "In life we must keep moving", and she certainly does.

Barbara Greene Pegram has impacted countless lives throughout her career and life. We appreciate her contributions to Dinwiddie County in the areas of education, faith, and community service; and are honored to recognize her as a 2024 Hometown Hero.