

**Yvonne Edwards Myrick**  
**2016 Dinwiddie County Hometown Hero**  
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- Yvonne Edwards Myrick was born November 12, 1922, in Dinwiddie County, to John Esten Edwards and Grace Lee Harper.
- She graduated from the Dinwiddie Normal School in 1942.
- Yvonne is the wife of the late Cornelious Myrick, Jr. To this union were born three children
  - Joyce M. Simmons
  - Barbara M. Jones; and
  - The late, Wallace (Zeke) Myrick
- Mrs. Myrick has three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
- The Edwards family has lived around what is known as “Edwards Crossroads” for more than one hundred years.
- In 1926, Yvonne’s uncle Algie Simmons purchased lands at the intersection of Old Stage and Flatfoot Roads in Dinwiddie County. On this land, he built a home and a small grocery store.
- In 1935, Yvonne’s father purchased the store from his brother and in 1943 the store was renamed “J.E. Edwards Grocery”.
- Edwards Grocery grew to become a gathering place for the community.
- People visited the store for friendship, laughter and outstanding food!
- The store was well-known for its hot fried chicken, navy beans and homemade baked goods.
- This small, family-owned business, that had become a landmark in Dinwiddie County, closed its doors in June of 2009, after 79 years of operation.
- Mrs. Myrick is a member of Little Zion Baptist Church in Dinwiddie.
- She instilled in her children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren the sense of family and community values.
- At 94 years young, Mrs. Myrick enjoys attending church, shopping, traveling and feeding family & friends!
- Everyone who knows her, knows that her door is always open!
- We thank Mrs. Myrick for the contributions that she and her family have made to Dinwiddie County.