

Edward Bracey, Jr.
2016 Dinwiddie County Hometown Hero
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- Edward Bracey, Jr. was born on January 29, 1941 at the home of his grandparents in Petersburg, Virginia.
- He attended Giles B. Cooke Elementary School and graduated from Peabody High School.
- Ed earned a degree in Industrial Education from Elizabeth City State College, now University, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina and a Master’s degree in Industrial Education from Virginia State University.
- He taught for two years in the Appomattox County school system before accepting a position as the Industrial Teacher at Southside High School in Dinwiddie County.
- During his career, Mr. Bracey taught at Dinwiddie High School and eventually retired from Rowanty Technical Center in 1991. At Rowanty, Mr. Bracey taught Masonry.
- After taking notice of things that he believed needed to be done in Dinwiddie County, Mr. Bracey decided to run for the Board of Supervisors.
- He was not successful in his first campaign, but ran again and was elected as District 3 Supervisor in 1988.
- Mr. Ed Bracey was the first African-American member of the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors.
- He went on to be elected three more times, and served a total of 16 years on the Board.
- Mr. Bracey has fond memories of his service on the Board and shared that his favorite part was “helping people who didn’t believe they could help themselves”.
- Dinwiddie County experienced growth during his 16 year tenure and he lists “paid retirement for teachers” and “remodeling of several school buildings” among the Board’s greatest accomplishments during this time.
- After leaving the Board of Supervisors in 2003, Mr. Bracey considers himself “officially retired”.
- He lives in Petersburg, and spends his time watching television, reading and caring for his 94 year old mother, Ms. Mabel Bracey Scott.