

Dinwiddie County
2018 Hometown Heroes
Mr. Harold Walker



Mr. Harold M. Walker was born August 9, 1930 in Dinwiddie, Virginia. He was the oldest, of two children born to the late Norman and Rosa Walker. Mr. Walker attended the Dinwiddie Normal and Industrial School and graduated from the Dinwiddie Training School in 1948.

Mr. Walker worked with his father as a carpenter until he was drafted into the United States Army. He served two years in the regular Army and 11 years in active Reserves. He received training at Fort Drum in Texas and was deployed to Germany during the Korean War. During his active duty, Mr. Walker served at Fort Meade, Maryland and completed combat training at Fort Pickett, in Virginia.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Army, Mr. Walker returned to carpentry work with his father and uncle and received certification in plumbing in 1954, before going to work for Brown & Williams in Petersburg. He married Thelma Browder Walker, also a Dinwiddie County native – four years his junior in 1955. He retired from Brown & Williams in 1985 and established H.M Walker Septic Tank Service in 1993. The company is still in operation under the leadership of his son.

Mr. Walker first received appointment to the School Board in July 1989. He was selected to fulfill the term vacated by Dr. Charles Ashby. Following the completion of that term, the School Board transitioned to an elected board. Harold Walker was subsequently elected to two additional, with his service ending in December 1999. While on the School Board, Mr. Walker held the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. He was an advocate for diversity of the administrative and instructional staff. He pushed for funding of a new high school and for the renovation of the middle school and elementary schools.

Harold Walker is a long-time member of the Dinwiddie Medical Center Board. He was instrumental to the process of building a medical facility in the heart of Dinwiddie County and continues to oversee its operation via Board service and leadership.

Mr. Walker is a founding member of the Maude Wyche Scholarship Committee, which provides financial assistance to Dinwiddie County High School graduates entering college. He is an active member of Olive Branch Baptist Church, where the Reverend Kevin Northam is his pastor.

The Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors is pleased to recognize Mr. Harold M. Walker as a 2018 Hometown Hero and greatly appreciates his service to our Country and the significant contributions he

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has made to Dinwiddie County through his service on the School Board, Dinwiddie Medical Center Board and countless other activities.