



Willie W. Leatherwood Scholarship Fund



Willie W. Leatherwood was born on a farm in the Oakman, Georgia community in 1916. Except for the years she was away in college, she spent her life there. A graduate of Fairmount High School, she began teaching at Oakman School soon after her graduation.

Willie taught during the school year and attended North Georgia College during the summer. She graduated from North Georgia Junior College in 1946, and she received her bachelor of science in education from NGC in the mid-1950s. Later on, in the 1960s, she received her master's degree in education from the University of Georgia.

Although most of her 35 years teaching in Gordon County schools was spent in elementary education, Willie also taught high school English for a few years. Teaching was a major part of her life. Because of her passion for education, members of her family established this scholarship in her memory. She loved North Georgia College.