

Cecelia G. Evans, Ed. D.

Biography

Cecelia G. Evans was born in Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia, one of seven children to Henry and Hattie S. Gartrell. She completed high school there and went on to graduate from Spelman College in Atlanta Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a minor in music. Her education includes master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She began a teaching career in the schools of Georgia, where she served for seven years. After marrying Marshall Evans, Jr. they relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She retired from the School District of Philadelphia after twenty-five years. Additionally she serves as a Fellow of the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project as well as Assistant Director of Family Literacy at West Chester University West Chester, Pennsylvania. Other positions include teaching at Cheyney University, Delaware County Community College, and Delaware State University.

Cecelia has served as President of the Education Alumni Association at the Graduate School of Education University of Pennsylvania, President of Media Fellowship House, Inc Media, Pennsylvania, PA, President Media Area Unit NAACP Media, PA, President of Philadelphia Council of the International Reading Association.

Eight years ago she founded With Pen In Hand Family Writing Program which has a mission of helping families to develop and improve their writing skills and to enjoy writing. Over four hundred families which have included children from 4 to 18, grandparents, parents, mentors have been served in and around the Delaware Valley, states of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Georgia and the program was presented at the University of Suzhou, Suzhou, Peoples Republic of China in 2005.

Several awards have been presented to Cecelia including: the Alumni Community Award from the University of Pennsylvania, William Castetter Award from the graduate School of Education University of Pennsylvania, Outstanding Educators Award Media Area Unit NAACP, Outstanding Educators Award from the Black Professional and Business Women's Club Chester, PA, the Educator 500 Institute Award West Chester University West Chester, PA, and this year she received the Marie Whitaker Humanitarian Award from Media Fellowship House, Media, PA.

She has published three books and a memoir will be forthcoming later this year.

She is the mother of four daughters, one granddaughter, one grandson and one great-grandson. She devotes her time to her church, Second Baptist Church of Media, other organizations, reading, writing, traveling and public speaking.