

## Mary Herring Wright

Mary Herring Wright announced to her family that she would be moving to Washington, D.C. in late 1942 after graduating from the North Carolina School for Black Deaf and Blind Students. "She's got no more business there than a pig has with a Bible," her worried father declared.

Mary did move to our nation's capital and became a valued employee of the Navy, maintaining rosters for the many servicemen in war theaters worldwide. She became a loyal pen pal to several young servicemen, but did not want to know why some of them suddenly stopped writing.

Eventually Mary longed to be back home in North Carolina close to family and friends in the rural community of Iron Mine. Once home again, she married and raised four beautiful daughters.

Mary still resides in the same community in which she was born right outside of Wallace, NC. It is there that she crafts stories that will delight and inspire us from the inside out. She has written two books, "Far From Home" and "Sounds Like Home" that chronicle her life story growing up Black and deaf in the South.

She is the recipient of an honorary BA degree from Gallaudet University.