

# Ruby Bridges.

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## Who is Ruby Bridges?

Ruby Bridges is a woman that showed to make a difference you must be brave. She is famous for being the first black child to attend an all white school.



## Early life.

Have you ever had to spend all day on a school day alone in your classroom? Well this is what happened to Ruby. Ruby Bridges grew up on a small farm in Tylertown, Mississippi. She was born on September 8th 1954. When she was 4 years old, her family moved to New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1960 Ruby's parents allowed her to participate in the integration of the New Orleans school system. This would allow her to attend an all white elementary school. Her parents Abon and Lucille Bridges were nervous about her if she passes the test in case of racism.



## School desegregation

Ruby passed the test and was placed in William France Elementary school, a school near her house. Ruby a six year old girl had to be driven and walked into school (for her safety ) by four U.S. Federal Marshals .At school on the first day as she walked in people were protesting , screaming rude names and throwing stuff because they did not want an African-American child attending an all white school. There was so much trouble that day that white children were kept at home so there were no classes that day .



## Education

For the first year, only one teacher would teach Ruby, Mrs Henry , most parents (white ones ) kept there children away from Ruby so it was just Ruby and Mrs Henry in a classroom for the whole year. This was for break times, lunch times, lessons and even meals. Even though she was very lonely at school she dwelt in every day for an entire year. Luckily, after a a quiet first year, white children gradually began to return back to the school. Things started to change.



## What Happened next ?

Ruby went on to start her own charity, the Ruby Bridges foundation that helps people with black skin get through racism and other in unfair issues. She also went on to be a civil rights activist so this showed that she was so brave that she went on to be famous. She is now 67 and has received a rewards from Barraca Obama and Bill Clinton and continues to run the great Ruby Bridges Foundation.

