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Carolyn Beatrice Parker

Carolyn Beatrice Parker was raised by a family that valued education, it was difficult for her to get a college education. she had to find a way to pay for her education, so she became a teacher right here in Gainesville at Lincoln high school. In “ Carolyn Beatrice Parker Elementary: A Story” it states “Parker was the FIRST African American woman in the US to get an advanced degree in Physics!” Then she started working on a project called “ The Dayton Project “ where she studied the element polonium, she didn't know what the research was for. She couldn't even talk about it with her family! Now we know what it was used for. It was used for making the atomic bomb. Because of working with polonium she got cancer. And died at age 48. She is also buried here in Gainesville. R.I.P.

and now here in Gainesville we have an elementary school in honor of Carolyn B. Parker.

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