

Carolyn Beatrice Parker
1917-1966

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She was born in November 18, 1917 in Gainesville, Florida.

The first African-American to earn a postgraduate degree in physics science.

Died from Leukemia due to the exposure of Polonium at work.

She died in her hometown. (Gainesville, Florida)

Parker research physicist on the Dayton project (Wright-Patterson Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio). This project was part of the Manhattan development atomic weapons in World War II, and continue in the Cold War.

Carolyn was so secret she couldn't discuss it for any else.

Parker completed the course work for her PhD in physics, but leukemia prevented her defending her dissertation.

Member of the Institute of Radio Engineers, the American Physical Society, Sigma Upsilon, and Delta Sigma Theta.

In 2020, renamed elementary school in Gainesville Carolyn Beatrice Parker Elementary School in her honor.

