

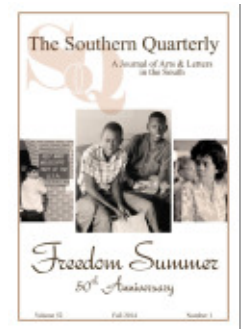


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We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mrs. Daisy Harris Wade, a Freedom Summer activist in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She was a strong advocate for justice and equality. She was a fierce freedom fighter, not just by participating in marches but also by encouraging her children to stand up for their own rights. Her son, Dr. Anthony Harris, recalls how when he and his brothers were arrested for protesting in downtown Hattiesburg in 1964, their diminutive mother confronted the police officers at the jail and demanded the release of her children. From that day forward, Anthony admits, he was more afraid of his mother than any policeman!

Mrs. Daisy Harris Wade's work in the local community to protect civil rights is immeasurable and will never be forgotten. She housed many college student volunteers during Freedom Summer. She served many years as secretary of both the Forrest County chapter of the NAACP and the Forrest County Action Committee. We were honored by her presence at the "Freedom Summer 1964-2014 Conference" held at Southern Miss. We dedicate this special edition of *The Southern Quarterly* to the life and legacy of Mrs. Daisy Harris Wade.