

CITY OF EVANSVILLE - 2026

ALBERTA STEVENSON



*Evansville's First Black School Counselor in an
Integrated School, Co-owner of Stevenson's Realty
and Insurance Company, Civic Leader*

Alberta Stevenson was a pioneering educator and community advocate who lived and taught during segregation and Jim Crow, helping transform educational access, housing opportunities, and civic life in Evansville. She broke multiple racial barriers, becoming the first Black librarian at an Evansville high school (Lincoln High School) and the first Black counselor in an integrated school.

When the school library lacked books and funding, Stevenson refused to allow students to go without. She went door to door collecting books and donations to build a meaningful resource for students. After more than 40 years of service, she retired from Evansville public schools in 1974.

Her leadership extended beyond education. She became the first Black member of the Evansville Board of Realtors and the first Black board member of YWCA Evansville. Her honors include Woman of the Year from the Indiana NAACP Auxiliary, recognition by the National Council of Negro Women, inclusion among the Outstanding Black Women of Indiana, and the Sadelle Berger Human Rights Award. Alongside her husband, Solomon Stevenson, Evansville NAACP President, she helped lead development of Liberty Terrace Senior Apartments, providing housing for elderly and disabled residents. Her legacy is one of vision, courage, and enduring service.