

## JANE ROBERTA SUMMERS (1895-1992)

Jane Roberta Summers was a pillar of strength in the Covington community. She was a tireless activist and trailblazer who waged campaigns against social injustice, racism, homelessness, and hunger.

Mrs. Summers was the first woman manager of the government subsidized apartments, Jacob Price Homes, located in Covington, Kentucky. She held the position of manager of Jacob Price Homes for twenty-five years. Mrs. Summers was instrumental in the organization of the original Meals on Wheels in Covington, Kentucky. After her retirement at the age of 75, she joined the staff of the Covington Community Action Commission. Remarkably, Jane Summers became a paralegal at the age of 77 to aid those in need of low-cost legal services.

Jane Roberta Summers was a stalwart member of the NAACP and the Poor People's Coalition. On May 5, 1991, Covington Mayor Denny Bowman proclaimed the day to be "Jane Summers Day" in honor of the many services that Mrs. Summers provided to the Covington community. Mrs. Summers was further memorialized through the Jane Roberta Summers Foundation that was formed to continue her endeavor for social equality.



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