

Coretta Scott King



“I’m fulfilled in what I do...I never thought that a lot of money or fine clothes--the finer things in life--would make you happy. My concept of happiness is to be filled in a spiritual sense”
— Coretta Scott King

- Born April 27, 1927 in Marion, Alabama
- Attended Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio on a scholarship. While there she studied elementary education and music.
- Wife of Martin Luther King, Jr. Worked beside him as an advocate for social change through nonviolent protest. Participated in demonstrations, and marches to champion her husband’s cause.
- Founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. She serves as founding president and chief executive officer.
- Is honored through the Coretta Scott King Award-given out every year to authors and illustrators of African decent who’s books promote an understanding and appreciation of the “American Dream.”
- Wrote memoir depicting the life she lived with her husband, advocating along side him for civil rights, My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr. published in 1969.