

Born in Stamford, Connecticut Esther started her education early at the bright age of 3 and a half. She grew up wanting to be a brain surgeon and studied hard to get into Boston University and was accepted. When she applied to med school, due to the times they rejected her on behalf that she was a woman. Not one to be discouraged for long, Esther chose to continue her education. She got 2 MS from Howard then after brief stints with research she went for her Ph.D. Eventually, she graduated from Yale with a PhD in chemistry, the first african american woman to do it.

Dr Hopkins was an admired chemist for her passion for learning and thirst for knowledge. Starting with chemistry research, to law school, and then to politics, Dr Hopkins was an avid thinker and a real go-getter. She paved the way for women in STEM as well as women of color. Her most important contribution to science would need to be her thesis on the chemical model and kinetics reaction of an active site on an enzyme. She's remembered for her work with American Cyanamid as well as research in the Polaroid Corp Emulsion Coating and Analysis Lab.



Esther A. H. Hopkins

September 18, 1926 – May 19, 2021

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what is nexr? x3
Im so grateful I never left
What is next? x3
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Spending doing my research
Filling postions & positions
Then I got into yale
Ph D is the mission
Ready to climb up the ranks real bad
My husband is proud
Now ive a doctorate
Polaroid corp is inbound
Worked there for 22
Analytical & emulsion
Then thought to myself

Law schools a vision
So study I did
Got my JD degree and
For 11 years, worked with the Patent
And for that I say

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Now Im hitting retirement
But I don't wanna stop yet
Deputy general it is
At the massachussetts department
Helped advise on conflicts and handle personal matters
Only want one thing
Enviromentalprotection

My kids are grown up
Im retired and happy
Lived to 94
And that's so amazing
Been through it all
But that's not the what I see
But look what ive found
Look how much ive seen

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