

# Claudette Colvin



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# Early Life

Claudette Colvin was born in Montgomery, Alabama on September 5, 1939. She and her sister was raised by her great aunt and uncle in Pine Level, a small town in Montgomery. They then moved to King Hill, a poor neighborhood also in Montgomery.

Claudette's sister, Delphine, died of polio and after her death she had a hard time socially in school.



# Early life continued...

Colvin was apart of the NAACP Youth Council and she worked closely with her mentor, Rosa Parks. She made good grades and wanted to be president one day.



# On the way home...

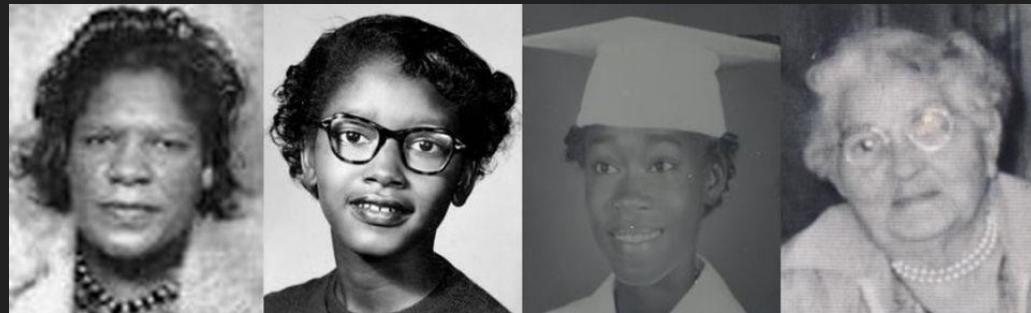
Claudette's family did not have a car, so she took the city bus to and from school. On one particular departure from school, her and three friends were involved in an incident on the bus. There were few Black people on the bus, but the "whites only" section became crowded. A young white lady got on the bus and the driver demanded for Claudette and her friends' seats. Her three friends got up, but Claudette stood her ground.



Claudette was then arrested and charged with disturbing the peace, breaking segregation law, and assault on a police officer.

On February 1st, 1956 Claudette and four others won the Browder vs. Gayle case, where the Supreme court ruled bus segregation in Alabama unconstitutional.

All charges were dismissed, but assault on a police officer. This charge stayed on her record for 66 years until a Judge in Alabama had them expunged.



# Where is She today?

Claudette Colvin is a great grandmother and is 82 years old.



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