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Thomasina and T.M. Cook

## Cooks celebrate 50th anniversary

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T.M. Cook and his wife, Thomasina, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary quietly at home on March 10.

According to Cook, the key to a successful marriage is understanding and tolerance.

"You have to understand and you have to be tolerant," Cook says. "It goes both ways. We've always worked as a team."

The couple lives in the Greenbrier community and attends New Hope AME Church. They have one son, Keith, and three grandchildren.

Although they're now retired, the Cooks served many years in the state's education system.

Mr. Cook was a principal for 35 years, 26 of those at Geiger Elementary School in Ridgeway. He currently serves as the Hearing Officer for Special Services with the Fairfield County School District.

Mrs. Cook, who retired after teaching 31 years, was a teacher at the former Greenbrier Elementary School, and also at Kelly Miller Elementary School.