

## Mae Jemison



Mae Carol Jemison was born on October 17, 1956 in Decatur, Alabama but raised in Chicago, since she was young she wanted to study science and hoped that someday she would go to space. she is known as the first African American women to go to space, but she did not only accomplish going into to space as a black woman as she also overcame the racial discrimination she suffered while she was in college and the only African American student in her class. She showed courage, determination, and she did not let anything stop her in her hopes of making a better life for herself, she also did not let anything ruin her dreams of working at NASA.

She is an engineer, physician and former NASA astronaut. She is also a novel book writer, she writes her books about the one passion in her life that has never ended space. Some of her books are ; The 100 Year Starship, exploring the sun and many more. She is a very smart women as she attended Stanford and Cornell university. She is very passionate about helping less fortunate people in 3<sup>rd</sup> world country as she served in the peace cop in Africa in 1983. She now is working on a project with the DARPA (defense advanced research project agency) she wants to be able to be able to travel to another star in the next 100 years.

Women like Mae show inspiration for many young women out there that want to become someone important in life but think that they can't because of society standards. She also demonstrates that no matter her dream it is possible and that you can get multiple degrees in your life to lend you a hand when you need better opportunities.