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**\*What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...** Our Father, Col. Glenn G. Dickenson, on military duty near Nashville, wanted to see the school, so mother took him there one evening. In the dark they were caught in the glare of the night watchman's light: "What are you doing after hours with a soldier and without a chaperone?" he growled at mother. She was pretty and petite and he had mistaken her for a student! Molly Shanks was the soloist at our H.S. graduation and I accompanied her. Several years ago, late 90s, I remember she was from Crossville. I called information and asked for her. The operator said, "She married Bruce Beach and gave me her number! In 2000 at the W-B 50<sup>th</sup> reunion at Harpeth Hall we exchanged notes. I sang and she accompanied me. We have remained close friends all these years. Please everyone, pray for her, she's battling cancer.

**\*Where my life has taken me...** Hollins University, VA, BA 1949. Married Sig Swensson, lived in Waynesboro, VA. Had 2 girls, Lise' and Karen. (Lise' now

Director of Art Museum in Hickory, NC. Karen is an antique dealer in Greensboro, NC.) Moved to Seaford, DE, had 2 boys, Erik (a surgeon near Portland, OR) and Jon (BMW dealer near us). This year: spoke at Ed. Conference in Morgantown, WVA and had dinner with roommate from W-B: Virginia Tait Jones (45-46) We had not seen or contacted each other until then. Her name and address appeared in your last list by magic. Directed "Brigadoon" at Longwood this year. Mardeus Outdoor Theatre, 2,000 people in audience, 7 shows. "The Hobbit" for Opera Delaware, 1,000 people in audience, 8 shows. Did one woman shows about Sophie Dupont and Martha Washington for Delaware Humanities Forum. Sang in Luxembourg (9/10/04). Am working on my 12<sup>th</sup> musical "The Secret of NIMH" for Opera, DE. (3/05)

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