

for lunch with Joanne Hampton (Callis) and spending the entire hour riding through the Vanderbilt campus in her convertible with the top down. The rest of the group consisted of Adeline Cocknell, Dot Noland and Aileene McCabe and we were looking for a football star, one of the girls had a "crush" on him.

I left WB at the end of my first semester of my senior year to pursue a business course at Mrs. Garrett's Business School, which was down the street from WB. This was to be my contribution to the war effort. As it turned out, my first temp job was working in Dr. Promine's office at WB.

**\*Where my life has taken me...**I live in Nashville, have 3 children and five grandchildren. I have done volunteer work for the Red Cross, Easter Seals, etc...I am the founder and first president of Brook Meade Garden Club. I now live in independent living at the Blakeford, which is a retirement community, and I'm still very active. There are many former WB students here at Blakeford and I see most of them quite often.

### High School Class of 1943

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**\*What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**I loved the time I spent at Ward-Belmont, especially the two years in the seventh and eighth grades. The lower grades were being phased out and there were just four girls in my class. We learned a lot and had fun—a very special time.

### College Class of 1943

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**\*What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**It sticks in my mind that I was there in my dorm room when the radio announced the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It changed everything. I made a good friend then that has remained so through all of these years. One I have traveled the world with and hope to do so again if the world permits.

The beautiful chimes, the birthday parties, the gathering in Acklen Hall. These were all very special parts of my life among many other things.

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**\*What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**The excellent teachers, and the various athletic activities. I served in the Waves from 1944-1946

**\*Where my life has taken me...**Fortunately I still live in my parents' home where I lived when I graduated from Ward-Belmont. I traveled many places with my school teacher friends in the summers. I majored in journalism at the University of Kentucky. I worked at the newspaper several years before taking a civil service test and retired from the Federal Government. I have several friends who attended Ward-Belmont. I volunteer for Red Cross, church, and other organizations.

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**\*What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**I enjoyed being at Ward Belmont for 2 years in College. I graduated from Indiana State University in 1945. I then danced for one summer with the Boulevard Dears Line at the Stevens Hotel (now Hilton). Then I taught Language Arts in Middle Schools for 10 years. I have been married for 59 years to Fred P. Daries. We have 2 children and several grandchildren. We lived for most of our married lives in Indianapolis, IN, and Carmel, IN. I liked my teachers, friends and my days at Ward Belmont so very much.

**\*Where my life has taken me...**I have moved to Florida and I'm loving it at Indian River Estates West, a lovely retirement home.

### High School Class of 1944

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