

young Marine who had just returned from four years of combat with two purple hearts to a tea dance at W.B. A storm put the lights out and a chaperone shouted "boys on one side and girls on the other side!" He was in disbelief. I married Russell Dorris, the Marine, three weeks after I graduated from the College Dept. of W.B. We were married for 51 years before he died in 1998. I liked all of my teachers, but I was mortified of Miss Morrison. Being a day student, I knew many of my classmates. The influence of W.B. on my life is priceless.

***Where my life has taken me...** Russell Dorris and I had two daughters, Bitsy and Sally. Bitsy married Woodie Husband and Sally married Tom Delvaux. Bitsy has three daughters and Sally had two sons. Bitsy's oldest daughter Haily Hirst, has two lovely girls making me a great grandmother. Sally's sons, Justin and J.R. Allen, married beautiful girls. In 2001 a neighbor introduced me to Charles Findley (Chuck). We married two years ago. He has enriched my life. What a blessing! I had won the Mrs. Tennessee contest in 1955 and was first runnerup to Mrs. America. As a result, I was asked to be on Channel 4 with Jud Collins. This was a daily show on which I did things of interest for women

(cooking, sewing, interior design, etc...) I was there for seven years. As a result of the show, I was asked to be the fashion director of Cain Sloan Co. This involved doing many fashion shows, going to New York about 4 or 5 times a year to get the fashion looks for each season. It was a fabulous job where I stayed for 9 years. This lead Mrs. O'More of O'More School of Design to ask me to help start the School of Fashion Design. It had been only the School of Interior Design. It was quite a challenge. Minnie Pearl and I became very close friends in the early 60's. She was a guest on the Noon Show and we decided to start playing golf. We then started a tennis group called the Charlotte-Pearl tennis group. We continue to get together at Christmas time for those of us who are left. My best friend during high school was Maxi Dickison. Her family moved to Santa Barbara, CA in her senior year. We once rode our ponies to W.B. Miss Annie Alison sent us back home, not because we rode the horses, but because we were wearing jodhpurs. I credit Ward Belmont for the values and friends that have enriched my life.

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***What I remember best about my days at Ward-Belmont...**

I loved and enjoyed everyday I spent at Ward-Belmont! Two years in high school and two years in college. I was a day student and spent a good bit of time in the "clubhouse" with "Ro". I now live in West Palm Beach, I stay in touch with Mary Claire Robida Parks who was a boarding student at the time. I adored and respected "Miss Annie" and her secretary Miss Montgomery, who was always sympathetic with our "illnesses". I remember most of my teachers; Miss Souby, Mrs. Ottarson, Miss Minor and especially Miss Hay who managed to get me through math! I have the fondest memories of Ward-Belmont and feel so fortunate I had the experience!

***Where my life has taken me...** I married John J. King in 1951 in Nashville, always our home. We have three children, Keith, John Jr. and Sam. We moved to Atlantis, Florida, a good community, in 1971, and we have lived here since then. John died in August 2002. We had sold our home and moved into a condo in 2001 for which I

am most grateful. I go visit my children often and they enjoy coming to visit twice a year. It is wonderful to be with my friends and family members

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***What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...** The campus was always beautiful with the summer houses, deer sculptures, fountain and flowers. I was glad to be a "day-student" with no restrictions on dating or off campus events. We had a special group of friends (from the same neighborhood growing up) attending Ward-Belmont and are still close and have lunch together whenever possible.

***Where my life has taken me...** My husband and I have traveled to wonderful places all around the world. I have been active for many years in the