

American Iris Society (the TN state flower) and have done much volunteer work in our local club here in Nashville. We have three children, nine grandchildren and one "cute" great-grandchild.

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**\*What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**I have so many fond and wonderful memories that it is difficult to pick out one, but I remember when one of the girls ran away to marry her Air Force boyfriend and everyone was helping her get away. Then it was so romantic, because she went to Love Field, Texas. Of course the girls sunbathed on the deck and a young officer (a son of one of the faculty) stuck his

head out the window of faculty hall and said, "Do you girls mind if I whistle?" The towels and clothes really flew.

### **\*Where my life has taken me...**

I have lived in Chicago, San Francisco, L.A., Little Rock, and then back to good old Indiana. I had three children, one of which is deceased.

Our Indiana contingent get together once or twice a year for lunch. There were nine of us at one time, but our group has now been reduced to five. They are all the class of 1945. We have a great time reminiscing and showing our scrapbooks and pictures. It just never gets old!

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### **\*Where my life has taken me...**

I met Ned Brown in 1946 after he came home from serving in the Marines. We married in 1951. He finished college and we went to the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. After we graduated, we moved to California, and worked in the Northern part of the state. Then in Los Angeles area working with orientals for 12 years. We moved to Hawaii in 1975 thru 1988 continuing to work with oriental. We retired and returned to Ned's hometown in Erwin, TN.

I am thankful for the education I received at Ward-Belmont.

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**\*What I remember best about my days at Ward-Belmont...**I remember those days at Ward-Belmont were some of the happiest days of my life.

**\*Where my life has taken me...**My wonderful husband,

Robert O. Butner, sons: Robert O. and Rick R. Butner. Places I have lived- (Born in) Philadelphia, Nashville, Midland, TX, Oklahoma, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and now Gulf Breeze, FL.

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**\* What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days ...**The train rides down to Nashville during World War II. Many times the train would go off on a side track. We would wait and wait until a troop train would come by loaded with soldiers waving and we cheered them on. Then we would be on our way again. --Signing in and out when we went off campus and never leaving campus alone.

--Breakfast was served promptly at 8:00 a.m. A warning bell would ring at 7:55 a.m. and my roommate and I would slip into our "fireman outfits" and run up to the dining room and sign in for breakfast. We enjoyed the fabulous food the southern cooks would prepare for us.

--The student-teacher relationship was exceptional. We had a good rapport seldom seen on college campuses. We were special to each other and enjoyed learning under a pleasant, relaxed and