

My husband was a Naval aviator, and we were stationed in California. I fell in love with California and we still go out there as often as possible. I went back to O.S.U. to get my masters degree to teach in California. I got a teaching job in the San Juan Unified District in Sacramento. My school was Belle Vista High School in Fair Oaks. I taught Spanish and art for 5 years. The first year I taught, Lynn Anderson, who sang "Rose Garden" was in my class!

I came back to Oklahoma and all of my family was here. I taught Spanish, Art, and was a librarian at a high school, where I retired in 1990.

English teacher, Gloria Robison and her husband went to Nashville and to Belmont. I still love to reach out and to travel and I also love to see my daughter, grandson and his wife.

In 1992, my daughter and I went to Spain for the Quincentennial. It was a fabulous trip. In the meantime, my sister Ruthie (Cline) and I are going to go back to Mexico. I wish I could be at the luncheon, of course, I will try to make it next year. I know everyone will have a wonderful time.

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**\*What I remember most about my Ward-Belmont days...** was the closeness we felt as we sang "The Belles of Ward Belmont." The closeness of wonderful friends we made there and to this day remain forever bound together.

**\*Where my life has taken me...** When I first married and moved to Kansas City, MO, after the war and our first child was born to my surprise, I found several ladies who attended Ward-Belmont. We began to meet monthly, and used our experiences to be active and useful to our communities and those we came in touch with. With three wonderful and productive children my life has been full. My faith has grown with all of life's experiences. Now my energy is spent with service to our God and fulfillment in serving God's responses and my interest and rewards of my watercolor paintings.

I have so much to be thankful for; my father, mother and brother who have now graduated from this life. My educational experiences, my opportunities in residing in many states, my loving husband and his children, my wonderful childhood

and all that God has blessed me with. Work opportunities brought me to a new level of self esteem and satisfaction. Thank God for all that life has afforded me.

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**\*What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...** Academically the teachers at the college prepared me with a strong foundation for my future. The home economics leadership of Mrs. Sargeant was special. We always had an annual fashion show in the school chapel. She encouraged me to enter my lined wool suit (total cost \$22.00) in a local department store contest. It entered the National Sewing Contest at the Sert Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City and I was awarded honorable mention. WOW! The club village contained many beautiful old trees and the clubs had a homelikeness that no dormitory could give. The "Singing Tower" with carillon sounds are memorable as May Day, Washington's Birthday, Inter-Hall parties, Tops—the women training for patriotic service and the meals that were

served so elegant. The friendships will remain in my heart forever. Rosemary Neal was my roommate and everyone knew her on campus and she was very athletic and personable but she pushed the rules beyond the limits. Rosemary decided to trick our next door roommate Barbara Ping, who was very "flighty". Rosemary removed the hinges on our room door and when Barbara entered the room—the door fell flat. Mrs. Lawrence, our housemother could not find Rosemary hiding in the closet. Rosemary lived on the third floor the next year away from the housemother.

**\*Where my life has taken me...** Married a WWII pilot in 1947. I made my wedding dress out of the parachute he carried through the war. We had three beautiful children. After my divorce of a 30 year marriage I entered Purdue University taking library science and became a librarian for 13 years. I have traveled many places, play bridge, Art League member, a volunteer in our local railroad museum and I am very active in my church. Our Ward-Belmont alumni group started a round robin letter in January. It is a great way to keep in touch with dear, dear friends!