

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 Allison 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...** We could not leave campus to go anywhere (except Hillsboro) without heels, hose, hats and gloves.

When we would enter restaurants with live music, they would play "The Belles of Ward Belmont" It was SO special whether you are sixteen or sixty!

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

After Ward-Belmont I went to LSU on a music scholarship. I married, and did little theater musicals. Have done the garden club, Junior League.

Now I am just enjoying my children and grandchildren, and one great granddaughter named for me! I have a pretty home and a pretty garden and good health and all my teeth!!!!

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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 days at Ward-Belmont...** I enjoyed my two years at Ward-

Belmont so much, it would be difficult to select any one outstanding experience. I loved every minute of it.

It was a very enriching time for me and it greatly influenced my life. I remember going to Dr. Provine with a group of seniors to ask if he could possibly make school a four-year college so we could all have two more years there! He laughed and said that question had been asked before, but it could not be done.

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

I finished my education at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1949. I met my husband there, and we were married in May 1950. I worked briefly for Ward-Belmont, enrolling students in the Chicago area, until the school closed. We were transferred in the earlier years and lived three times in the Chicago area, twice in Kansas City, twice in St. Louis, Memphis and then Houston. Houston has been our home for thirty-seven years. I still hear from several friends, all from the class of 1949.