

walked down the corridor to Miss Elizabeth's studio. I would hear sounds of a piano playing an etude and then la, la, la exercises of a voice practicing scales. Further along I might hear a harp being played or the sounds of a cello or violin and then more piano music and more singing. It was very exhilarating! Everyone was busy with their own task.

If I happened to arrive too early I sometimes wandered down to the stage in the auditorium where our recitals were held. I liked to see the two big concert grand pianos we used.

When I entered Ward Belmont College as a student, the Conservatory had moved across the street to a large house. During this time I learned more about the scope of music and came to appreciate it even more. Students were invited to usher at the Nashville Symphony and I attended many recitals. Sometimes artists on tour in Nashville came to the school to play for us.

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

I graduated with a certificate in Piano and a General Diploma in 1950.

I planned another vocation and worked toward that after I graduated but I still have a great appreciation and love for music. I continue to sing in a choir, play in a handbell group and listen, listen,

listen for the sound of music all around me. Thanks, Ward Belmont for teaching me to hear!

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***What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**I loved the traditions-May Day, Step Singing, etc..

Special friends included B.J. Robbins (deceased), Despina Valen (deceased), Sue Mason and Ann Hartman (deceased).

I still can remember living in Hail Hall and having to walk way down to Acklen to meet dates (often through rain and snow!)

I loved working on "Milestones" and belonging to various clubs. A year after graduating, a group of us attending University of North Carolina rode the bus over the mountains to Nashville for Thanksgiving and got hit with an 8-inch snow! My younger sister, Mary Jane Campbell, was a freshman and was seeing her very first snow! No buses could get over the mountains, so we had to fly back to Chapel Hill.

***Where my life has taken me...**I attended the University of North

Carolina, graduating in 1952. I married the same year, and since have lived in Florida, Texas, New York, South Carolina, Michigan, and for the last 22 years, in Georgia.

I was divorced, but not have 3 wonderful children. Liz 48, John 46, and Bill 45. I got my master's degree in 1968 from Sam Houston State University. I now have eleven grandchildren with a great-grandchild due in October! Life is good!

I taught for about 30 years in public, private and Christian schools. I have also traveled throughout the U.S., Mexico, Canada, Europe and South America.

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***What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont**

days...wearing hats and white gloves, and not being able to ride in cars. My high school sweetheart went to Vanderbilt, and when we dated, we would have to go out in a cab instead of his car. He said that he could not afford to date me! We later got married in 1953 and have been married for over 50 years now.

***Where my life has taken me...**I graduated from the University of North Carolina and was a cheerleader. I roomed with a former Ward-Belmont friend-Carol Cantrel.

In 1953, I got married to my high school sweetheart, Jere W. Smith, who played football for Vanderbilt. We had five children and 4 under 3 years! We had twins. Now we have 10 grandchildren and enjoy them all!

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***Where my life has taken me...**Several of us get together every year. They are Peggy Rich, Joe Greddy, Helen Walton, Walter Birdwell, Carolyn Reynolds and John (Buddy) Fisher.

It is a wonderful relationship. I married a home town fellow, Jack Strate. He passed away June 20, 2004 after 49 years of marriage. Our two children and their families live in Morristown. Each has 2 children.

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