

***Where my life has taken me...**I went on to Harpeth Hall, Sweet Briar College and graduated from Vanderbilt, married a Dr. and we raised 3 children. In midlife after children were in high school, I went to work with the YWCA. I helped start the first Displaced Homemaker Program (now Job Readiness) and became the first job advocate for women in TN, then became Associate Executive of Development raising funds for the shelter/domestic violence and headquarters on Woodmont. I retired in 1995. My retired physician and I now travel extensively and enjoy a retreat home in the Cumberland Mountains.

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***What I remember best about my Ward-Belmont days...**Since I was a day student, my recollections are of friends, faculty and events. Happy memories of the Southern Belles ensemble playing for Washington's birthday celebration with the delicious dessert at the dinner in Acklen

Hall. Also, the May Day Celebration. During my childhood, I was a student of Amelia Throne and Kenneth Rose in the conservatory. I always attended the concerts of young visiting artists, such as Van Cliburn. The boarding students were required to wear evening dresses and some wore jeans underneath them which was an amazing sight to a 10 year old girl!

***Where my life has taken me...**After receiving diplomas in piano and violin at W. B. in 1946, I received B.M. and M.M. degrees from George Peabody College majoring in piano under Nathaniel Patch. Following graduation, I started the string program in the Nashville Public Schools and enjoyed the exciting and successful adventure until I married Richard Gardner on Sept. 11, 1954. During the summers of '52 and '53, I was recreational hostess at Fontana Village Resort where Dick and his parents spent their vacation. After marriage, we lived 10 years in Brunswick, OH. Dick was an electrical engineer with Alcoa and we were transferred to Pennsylvania. I have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and 2 step-great-grandchildren. I have retired from playing in the Westmoreland Symphony. However, I am still teaching piano and violin and

director of Christian Education at my church. The welcome mat is out for any W.B. friends as I love to have company and travel.

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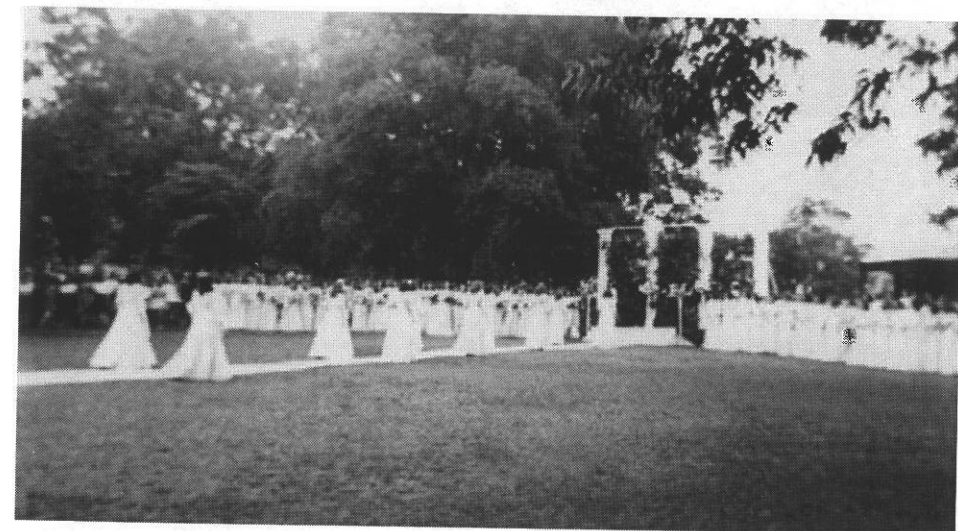
***Where my life has taken me...** I attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, where I met and married my husband, Tom, upon our graduation. Tom and I have been married for almost 54

years. We have two sons and 6 grandchildren. We have lived in Richmond, Virginia, for most of our married life. Tom has been retired for 14 years and we have had a wonderful retirement and are both still very active. We have enjoyed traveling (took a bicycle trip to Holland) and spend our winters in Florida.

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Other Memories



May Day Celebration: The most elaborate occasion of the year. Procession around the circle of seniors dressed in formals, the Queen and her court down the middle walk to a platform in front of the Academic building. (photo provided by Connie Martin Stewart)