

CLASS OF 1939



School of Nursing

*55 Year
Class Reunion*

*Saturday
August 6, 1994*

The Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1939

Editor's Note: At the suggestion of one of the members of the Class of 1939 Anna St. John, we thought it highly appropriate to begin this commemorative booklet with a portion of thoughts shared by Hazel (Bergstraesser) Purpi five years ago at the 50th Reunion.

The next day we were to register at 11 a.m. Bryan is so big you really need a map to get from building to building. Dorothy Maxwell met me at the door with a pen and a piece of paper. "We have appointed you spokes person for our class." I guess they remembered I liked to talk. Anyway, all through a delicious buffet luncheon I jotted down a few items as the girls remembered them. This is what I came up with.

Phyllis Bovee had completed her talk and mentioned so many millions of dollars being used for this modern equipment or a few more million for something else. I wish I was more money-minded, maybe all these figures would have meant more to me. She also explained they had an administrator, an assistant administrator, several vice presidents, etc., etc. So when I was asked to represent our class I started out by saying, "You have heard all the big stuff from Phyllis, now how about the little stuff?" We had one administrator and one Director of Nursing, and three instructors. Miss Mortensen was always saying, "Good, Better, Best - Never let it rest." She meant the bed corners, of course. We all were required to have at least 1 semester of college. Five of us entered in February, 1936; four entered in June, seven entered in September, which made a total of sixteen; and we have adopted one from the next class. We had a breakage fee of \$30; that took care of uniforms, board and room, meals and books. Of course we really didn't have books as our classes were given by staff doctors. We often thought they passed us because they wanted to get through the lectures in a hurry, or they felt sorry for us because we often fell asleep in class. We worked 7 to 7, with 3 hours off if we got our work done. Many times a 10-1 relief never started until 11:30, then at 7 p.m. we had class.

Nine of us lived in what we called, "The Probie Dump". It was under the porch of the Bryan Home. Bed check was at 10 p.m. and we could always hear Miss Tubbs coming down the steps to count noses. Radios off, nobody in the bathrooms, etc. There was one bathroom, and it seemed that at certain times there were 16 or 17 trying to use the bathroom at the same time. We had one classmate (Kohtz) who used to come off night duty and sleep in the bath tub full of water until the day girls came off duty and woke her.

We wore house dresses to classes, and even made beds and cleaned rooms the first week we were in training. Then when our blue uniforms arrived, we had to stand on a table and Miss Tubbs would measure the hem 10 inches from the floor. Then after 6 months we received our caps. Here I have to needle a little. I know most of you don't wear caps anymore. I am the only nurse (one other that is as old as I) who wears her cap while on duty. I worked hard for that cap. I wear it. It's my DIGNITY. (I was thrilled at the applause I received. It seemed a goodly number of the alumnae agreed with me.)

We had one day a week off one week, and a half day the next week. Strange these days were never given so we could have a day and a half together. It really didn't make any difference because we couldn't go any place anyhow. The hospital was over five miles from town, and the one bus came every hour on the hour and if you missed it you were out of luck, or you could walk to 48th and Sumner. That bus came more often. If we had a day off, we had to stay around for classes, no time off for classes. Frequently, we would hang around all day and about 5 minutes before class time, it would be cancelled.

Everyone who was on duty at 7 a.m. had to attend Chapel at 6:30, then breakfast at 6:45 and on the floor at 7 sharp, night nurse report, and then get to work. We were responsible for Chapel every day but one, at least two songs, a reading or a prayer. Tuesday morning Rev. Henderson would come for a short spiritual talk.

One winter the chiefs decided they would keep the students healthy. As we walked from Chapel to the dining room, we were given a paper cup, about an ounce, of Cod Liver Oil and a medicine glass of orange juice as a chaser. UGH!!

We boiled all our needles in a spoon over a flame - often times we had to file the points of the needles so that they were sharp. None of these packaged needles, all ready on sterile syringes like we have today.

There were times when Pediatrics looked like an Arab Village. Children with pneumonia were put under steam tents. There were special sheets to make tents over the crib, a small portable stove with a pot of boiling water, and God help you if you were caught using a bed sheet.

We gave milk and molasses enemas, we gave H.H.H. "Hot, High and a Hell of a lot."

When our class graduated, the ones who did private duty got \$5 for 12 hours. If we were asked to do 24 hours, we were given 10 dollars and three hours out of that we had a break. There was a cot in the nurses lounge where you could try to get some rest. You couldn't go any place for fear you might miss the bus from town.

We had our favorite head nurses. There was Grace Parker on 2nd South. She would stand at the head of the hall and you just knew she was looking for you. At the morning report she would say: "Miss _____, when Dr. _____ comes, you are to go with him - have everything ready and don't you dare leave that room for anything you may have forgotten." She always kept the small broom closet on 2nd South locked because she said the students never kept it clean. One weekend she left her keys with a senior student who was in charge of the floor over the weekend. When Miss Parker unlocked the closet Monday morning, she was surprised to find the classroom skeleton sitting on the sink.

Over the weekend the linen room was locked. I made the mistake on Sunday of needing a sheet for a minister who had spilled coffee over her clean sheet. I told her I didn't have a sheet but I did have a clean bedspread. Since it was Sunday, I put it on. Monday I was called to the linen room to see all the linen on the shelves - "Yes, but they were all under lock and key. But a nurse should never say she doesn't have linen. If you don't have anything to eat when friends come to visit, would you tell them you couldn't invite them for dinner because you didn't have anything to give them?" I don't remember my answer because I have no idea what the Supervisor would want me to feed my friends.

We were never allowed to use the telephone in the Nursing Home; only between the hours of 7 to 10 p.m. But Maude Klien always used the telephone. She was always calling us back on duty to clean the utility room. Even if you had "off hours" between 10 to 1; that utility room had to be spotless and the sterilizer empty. How many times we tried to ignore the ringing telephone?

Miss Parsons was another one. After you cleaned a unit, she would come along and check with her finger in the corners looking for some dust you may have missed. She even would run her finger over the mirror on the dresser to be sure you had washed it. If a patient went home in the late afternoon, you had to stay on duty and clean that unit and put brown paper in the drawers. If you had a class at 7 you went back upstairs after class to finish cleaning that room.

We had no interns, you were on your own. We prepared our patients for emergency surgery; catheterizing males as well as females. We did have a night supervisor, Mrs. Gagne. She stood behind her nurses and was a real support for the students.

We had very few graduate nurses on nights, mostly Junior and Senior students.

In 1937 we got our first orderlies. Paul Maxwell was one of our first. We all were crazy about him but Dorothy Taylor, our classmate got him.

In 1938 we had our first lady intern. Dr. Mary Richardson.

We gave back rubs twice a day. We tried very hard to make patients comfortable before we gave them a hypodermic pain killer. Here too, if our charting wasn't completed at 7 we went back after class to complete it.

We were never allowed to accept gifts from patients. I have seen several nurses fall up the cement steps, tearing holes in their stockings trying to get away quickly from some adoring and proud fathers who were taking their newborn home.

We had Dr. Gibson who always had a half chewed cigarette in his mouth which he never lit. Nurses often offered a match.

There was Dr. Angle who always had a cigarette dangling from his mouth even during cystoscopy. One of our nurses put an eye sheet in the cystoscopy pack one day and gave Dr. Angle a chuckle.

In our class of 50 years we have School nurses, one does volunteer Red Cross work - having just returned from Houston, Texas during the last flood. We have surgical nurses, private duty and companions, army nurses, nurses who worked in doctor's offices, City Health Departments, nursing teachers, and a member of Bryan's Woman's Board.

I have a clinic for independent living people. They are from the ages of 65-99. I take their blood pressure and listen to their problems. As a nurse, I can't prescribe medication for them, but I can always get around that by asking them if they have ever taken aspirin or Tylenol or ask them to call their doctor. I also work on the floor once in a while. I like "patient contact." It was one of these times when I was discussing with a resident's wife our up and coming 50th anniversary. As she left me, pushing her husband in the wheelchair, I heard her say, "she's not so young either."

I'm sure the highlight of this whole weekend was our memories of three years of living together, working together and sharing. Every year we get together we love each other a little more. We did miss the ones who weren't with us. See you next time! (In five years???)

Mildred (Mueller) Brockmann

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Employment History

Veterans Administration - Lincoln 1940-1943
1st Lt. U.S. Army Air Force O.R. Nurse 1943-1945 - 26 months Lincoln Air Force Base and Mitchel Field, New York
16 years O.R. nurse and inservice coordinator at St. Lukes Hospital, St. Louis, MO
Retired in 1984

Personal

Spouse: Walter Brockmann - deceased
Children: 2
Grandchildren: 7

Hobbies/Interests: Working outside in the yard; quilting; volunteer work at my church

Mary (Kirkpatrick) Gibb

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Employment History

St. Elizabeth Hospital Laboratory
Bryan Hospital Nursing and Laboratory
Lincoln General Hospital Laboratory, Director
State Department of Health - Hospital Nurse Consultant
University of Nebraska Dental College - Nurse Laboratory
Bryan Hospital - Infection Control RN

Special Recognitions

Diploma - Bryan Hospital with B.S. Nebraska Wesleyan 1939; Medical Technology (Laboratory) 1941; University of Nebraska M.A., 1969; University of Nebraska Ph.D., 1972; American Society of Clinical Pathologists, Affiliate member, 1981.

Personal

Spouse: Robert Burns Gibb (Deceased - 11/30/90)
Children: David Roderick Gibb, A.I.A. and Cedric Stewart Gibb
Grandchildren: Merideth A. Gibb/20; Alicia J. Gibb/17; Ryan Stewart Gibb/1

Hobbies/Interests: Property, flowers, birds; Neighborhood Association and School, etc. and "visits" with my new grandson, Ryan (1 year)!

Comments

Dear Classmates: I have had a full, abundant and just wonderful life since graduation! Never shall I ever forget all of you and the fantastic, unbelievable, hectic yet wonderful days of our nurses training at Bryan!!
Love...Mary (Kirk)

Amy Isabelle (Brigham) Hess

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Belva L. (Slote) Lallement

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Personal

Spouse: George Arthur Lallement
Children: Larry, Kathy Nelson, Susan Perry
Grandchildren: Janae' and Lori Lallement; Sean and Tim Wheeler; Robert Perry; Annette, Jonathan and Michael Nelson

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, crocheting, photography, writing letters and cooking

Comments

The year after I graduated, I worked at Bryan, then went to Lincoln General where I received \$10 a month more! Part of 1942, 1943 and part of 1944, I worked for Dr. Fred Webster, an oral surgeon in Lincoln. After I was married in 1944, I went to Yuma, Arizona where my husband was stationed and worked in the civilian ward at Yuma Army Air Force Base. That was mostly maternity (wives of soldiers). Back to Lincoln in 1945 where our first child was born.

In 1947, we moved from Lincoln and my husband was now out of Army Air Force. We went to Phoenix and then Globe, Arizona. I was the only available RN not already working in Gila General Hospital so did relief for vacations, etc. and worked almost full time.

In 1950, we moved to Fresno, California where I worked in the Veterans Hospital from 1960 to 1963. In 1963 went to Valley Medical Center and worked in Pediatrics for eleven years and retired in 1974. After that retirement, I worked part-time in two convalescent hospitals and permanently retired in 1979. My health is not good due to a stroke and enlarged heart with congestive heart failure. My husband and I celebrated our 50th Anniversary March 11, 1994.

Dorothy (Taylor) Maxwell

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Personal

Spouse: Paul J. Maxwell, M.D. (deceased)
Children: Paul J. Maxwell, Jr., D.D.S.; Kenneth J. Maxwell, M.D.; Janet L. Maxwell (majored in Broadcast Journalism) selected to Mortar Board at UNL.
Grandchildren: 6 grandsons - 3 granddaughters

Comments

Following graduation, I worked at Bryan Hospital doing night duty and attended Nebraska Wesleyan for the purpose of obtaining my degree. In 1940, I married Paul Maxwell who worked at Bryan while attending U.N.L. The following fall he started Nebraska Medical School in Omaha.

I stayed in Lincoln and did private duty nursing. Paul Jr. arrived the following year. In Paul's junior year, we moved to Omaha and I worked supervising at Omaha Methodist Hospital.

World War II had escalated and the medical students were inducted into the armed forces.

Following Medical School, we were back in Lincoln. Paul interned at Bryan. Our second son, Kenneth arrived.

Paul was granted a Fellowship to the Mayo Clinic in Internal Medicine

Following our stay in Rochester, MN we moved to Washington, D.C. where Paul did his service as Assistant Medical Director at Walter Reed General Hospital. After that, it was back to Mayo to continue his Fellowship.

We returned to Lincoln where he had a busy practice in Internal Medicine.

Our daughter Janet was born.

We had a busy life and the children received their education. Paul died in 1970 of an acute heart attack. He was 52 years old.

I haven't had an outstanding nursing career. I've been back at Wesleyan three different times, had extensive update classes, contact hours and home nursing to keep a current Nebraska Nurses license.

I have always been interested in the medical and nursing fields and feel I've been helpful to my husband, children, family and friends.

I am proud of my classmates and their accomplishments, and will always be grateful for my training at Bryan Hospital. It did play a great part in the shaping of my life.

Marian (Young) Nelson

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Employment History

Private Duty - Lincoln NE
United States Army
Butterworth Hospital - Grand Rapids, MI
Ionia Memorial Hospital, Ionia, MI
Ionia Public Health Dept., Ionia, MI
Co-owner and manager of Roadside Mt. and Bakery

Personal

Spouse: Henry T. Nelson
Children: Binnie Lou Zoerner, Susan Petrella and Henry Karl Nelson
Grandchildren: 7

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, tennis, aerobics and choirs

Hazelmarie (Bergstraesser) Purpi

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Employment History

Clinical Instructor - Bryan Memorial Hospital - Lincoln
Assistant Director of Nursing and Instructor Supervisor of Methodist Hospital of
Brooklyn, New York Obstetrics and Gynecology
Appointed Director of "Wellness Clinic" St. John's Tower, Milwaukee, WI

Special Recognitions

"New York Daily News" article "complimenting" my organization of teacher aides and
beginning sewing/cooking classes for girls.
Special Employee at St. John's at Milwaukee, WI

Personal

Spouse: Clement
Children: 4 children/2 boys and 2 girls
Grandchildren: 3

Hobbies/Interests: sewing and organ music

Comments

I attended Nebraska University for two semesters and received my B.S. degree from
Nebraska Wesleyan University on May 23, 1944, attending night school and nursing
during the day.

Hazelmarie Purpi - continued

1959-1976

I organized Girls Clubs in St. Jerome School, Brooklyn, New York. Taught girls from
the fourth through eighth grades sewing/cooking and simple first aid. Yearly average
of approximately 100 girls.

Objective - Devise some interest in basic homemaking activities.

Goal - A project well done.

Achievement - Fashion show and modeling of each sewing project by students-
cooking judged also. At that time, parochial schools in Brooklyn were
overcrowded and "Home Ec" was not taught. Also organized teacher aides.

Average of seventy-five mothers and grandmothers who volunteered for:

1. Storytelling - Library
2. Supervised Playground
3. Testing children for hearing and vision screening
4. Supervised and conducted field trips i.e. museums, wall street, stock
market, Sagamore Hill (President Theodore Roosevelt's home), etc.

Chaperoned Boys Choir each Sunday and on their Christmas singing
engagements to Manhattan; Pan Am Bldg., Waldorf Astoria and Rockefeller Ctr.

Objective - Bring about a better understanding between student, teacher & family.

Goal - 100% successful - 1600 students in 12 grades.

Moved to Wisconsin. Appointed Director of "Wellness Clinic" at St. John's Tower,
Milwaukee, WI, 200 residents ages 65 to 99.

Objective - Bring about a better understanding of elderly persons - personality
and health.

Goal - rewarding!

Della (Blank) Schmeisser

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Comments

(This letter was received from Della's husband, Bill Schmeisser)

"The reason Della is not writing to you is that she had a devastating stroke (brain
stem) in August of 1990. I am her husband, Bill Schmeisser, of almost 53 years.
Our roles are now reversed, she was the caregiver over 50 years, now I am.

The stroke affected her balance, speech, swallowing, memory and personality.
She is wheelchair bound. We do have good help, a "mountain angel" (Donna)
comes three times a week - does everything and I take her to an Adult Day Care
Center twice a week.

She is alert, and does communicate in a whisper when things come together. She
goes to church, circle meetings, and other events, but I don't think she can make
the trip to Nebraska.

Give everyone there her love and blessing.

In Christian Love,
Bill and Della

Anna (Skavdahl) St. John

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Employment History

First 10 years: Surgical Nursing, Public Health, Industrial, Newborn Nursery
Last 30 years: Student Health Services - California State University - Fresno

Special Recognitions

Received award for Outstanding Female Employee in 1971. A resolution commending me for my years of service was made by California State Assembly.

Personal

Spouse: Roy St. John
Children: One daughter
Grandchildren: one grandson, one granddaughter and one great-grandson

Hobbies/Interests: Traveling, sewing, reading and church

Comments

I have had a full and happy life with enough trials to make me appreciate the good times. Following graduation from Bryan, I worked in Omaha and married Ed Fish. We both worked in the Bomber Plant at Fort Crook. After the war, we moved to California to be near my twin Pearl. My daughter Karen was born in California. After 15 years, that marriage ended in divorce. Karen was nine. I was working in the College Student Health Services. When I started, there was one full time nurse and one halftime. At the time I retired, I was Director of Nurses with a staff of ten. The College was certified a University and the enrollment grew accordingly. I loved taking care of the students. There was no infirmary and a few times, I had to keep a student over night in my home. When Karen was 16, I married Oren Edwards. Karen and he were close and he was a good father and a real helpmate during those difficult teen years. He died of lung cancer in 1972. I am an active member of Friends Church. I did the cooking for dinners for a Singles Group once a week. After I retired in 1979, I met and married Roy St. John in December, 1980. He was a widow who helped with the cooking! I gained a fine family in Fresno and enjoy our family gatherings. Roy and I have traveled a lot. In three trips to Europe we have visited twenty countries - and all the states except North Dakota. We had a great trip to Alaska last summer. While at the College, I took a course in London on the Health Systems of England. I was privileged to be included with faculty as guests in Taiwan. I feel very fortunate and doors have opened because I was a Nurse! It is a great profession.

I urged Belva Lallement to come to Fresno many years ago and we do enjoy our continued friendship from training days at Bryan to the present! She is much better than I to keep in touch with classmates and shares the letters with me.

Mildred (Cochrun) Swale

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Employment History

1. Lincoln General Hospital - Physical Therapy/ worked there throughout the Polio epidemic in the 40s.
2. Bryan Memorial Hospital - General Duty - part time on call - then Pediatrics
3. Did part time School Nursing - 1 year at NE's Children's Home
4. Ogallala Community Hospital - General Duty and Private Practice
5. For 3 years General Duty, Surgical Nurse and Supervisor at Stratton Community Hospital
6. Short time General duty at Mt. Home, AR - Baxter Co. Hospital
7. School Nursing - 1 year at Gainesville, MO and 12 years at Mt. Grove Schools

Special Recognitions

Intermittent college hours

On retirement at age 62, was honored for 13 years School Nurse in Missouri

Personal

Spouse: Clifford J. Swale - deceased 5/91
Children: Betty Jane Scott
Grandchildren: 2 grandsons/ ages 33 and 11. Three great grands/ages 13,9 & 6

Hobbies/Interests: Flowers, crocheting, general small crafts, plastic canvas articles and church activities. I especially enjoy crocheting Christmas white ornaments. Angels (all sizes), bells, snow flakes, stars, etc.

Comments

In 1992, it was discovered that I have several blocked arteries - heart and legs. Had angioplasty heart surgery 2/93. Due to persistant allergies, the doctors have to change meds frequently.

Helen (Schomaker) Weber

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Employment History

- 1969-1985 Supervisor Health Services Lincoln Public Schools
- 1959-1969 School Nurse Lincoln Public Schools
- 1958-1959 Floor Supervisor Bryan Hospital
- 1947-1958 Part time General Duty Bryan Hospital
- 1940-1947 Private Duty Nursing

Special Recognitions

- 1981 Hilda Maehling Fellow Award National Education Association
- 1982 Nebraska Nurses Association Distinguished Service Award
- 1990 Sertoma Service to Mankind Award and District Award for Service to Mankind
- 1991 United Way Outstanding Volunteer of the Year
- 1992 National Association for School Nurses Recognition Award
- 1992 University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Nursing Distinguished Service to Nursing Award

Personal

Spouse: Ralph Weber (deceased - 1958)

Children: 1 son - Ralph "Scott" Weber, M.D. Vice President BCBS Kansas

Grandchildren: Heidi Lynn Weber Burch - Minneapolis, MN

Erica Anne Weber - law student Marquette University,
Milwaukee, WI

David Weber - ninth grader

Emily Weber - seventh grader

Hobbies/Interests: My family, of course, is a big part of my life. I enjoy traveling and I have enjoyed taking my grandchildren on trips. Reading, knitting, choir, bridge, P.E.O., Delta Kappa Gamma, LEA and NSEA Retired.

Comments

Life changed abruptly for me when my husband died very suddenly following a heart attack at the age of 41. How grateful I was for my nursing education and that I had been working at the hospital on a part-time basis. A professional career followed in addition to maintaining my home for Scott. I started working full-time at Bryan becoming a floor supervisor that same year. In January, 1959, I accepted a position as school nurse with LPS. I continued my education receiving a BS degree from Wesleyan in 1961. A Master of Arts degree with a major in Educational Psychology from the University of Nebraska followed in 1970. In 1969, I became Supervisor of Health Services for LPS, the position I held and enjoyed until my retirement in 1985.

Involvement with my professional organizations has been a big part of my life. I have been president of District 3 Nurses Association, president of Nebraska Nurses Association, and President of the Nebraska School Nurse Association. I served on the Board and Executive Committee for the National School Nurse Association and was an elected member to the Community Health Advisory Committee for the

Helen Weber - continued

American Nurses Association for a four year term.

I have served on the boards for the American Lung Association of Nebraska and the Nebraska Society to Prevent Blindness. I was a member of the health resource committee for the Nebraska Committee for Children and Youth and helped write for their publication two booklets - Health Services in Nebraska Schools and You, Your Child and School. As project coordinator for the National Association of School Nurses, the Guidelines for a Model School Nursing Services Program was published.

In 1940, I became a Red Cross Nurse and over the years have been involved with the Red Cross in teaching, and serving on committees. Since my retirement, I have gone on 5 national Red Cross Disasters in addition to several within the state - most rewarding experiences.

I was a CPR instructor for the Heart Association and did teach many classes.

Who would have thought when I graduated fifty-five years ago that nursing would have such a prominent place in my life. Losing Ralph at such an early age was so tragic, but I have appreciated the good life Scott and I have had and realize my education has made it all possible.

Ruth (Schlaphof) Weber

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Personal

Spouse: Rev. Earl A. Weber
Children: 2

Grandchildren: 9 - Four of grandchildren are a set of quads.

Hobbies/Interests: Since retirement - helping our children and especially baking cookies for grandchildren

Comments

After graduating from Nurses training, I worked for two years doing Private Duty. Since we did not have Intensive Care Units then, many patients had to have special nurses for several days, especially after surgery. The shifts were 12 hours long, and wages were \$5.00 per day. We were also expected to give doctors and their families professional discounts.

In 1941 I married Earl Weber, who had just gotten his Divinity Degree for the Ministry from the Seminary. We had gone together for 7 years, and so our dream finally materialized. Therefore, there was no time for nursing as I had been trained. But I was able to use some of my nursing abilities by volunteering as Camp Nurse for some of our Youth Camps at our church campgrounds namely Riverside Park, near Milford, Nebraska maintained by the United Methodist Church.

We were in the active ministry for 40 years. During these years we also developed the Weber Bulletin Service. Our specialty was printing church bulletins and selling them to various churches in different states. Each summer we would try to take a short vacation, and since photography was a hobby of my husband, we took our own pictures for these bulletins. Many changes developed in the printing business, but we developed a good service to many different churches. We also did many church brochures, and soon four color printing came into being. We, of course, were still in the pastorate, and our two children were able to help us in many different ways. We were privileged to tour the Holy Land twice, and many of these pictures are still used in our bulletin service.

In 1981, our son Duane gradually took over the responsibility of the printing business. I had been the bookkeeper, but that year I developed Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, so severed my work from the business, and our son computerized the office work. I was very ill for 7 weeks in the hospital, having Cobalt treatment and 6 months of Chemotherapy as an outpatient. I had a wonderful and understanding Oncologist, and am so thankful that at this time I am still in remission.

Near the end of my illness, our daughter Mary Ann Genrich gave birth to the first recorded Quadruplets in Nebraska. They were 8 weeks premature, weighing 2-2 1/2 pounds, all boys, and at this writing they are all healthy and will be entering Middle School this Fall. Mary Ann's husband was just starting his Dental practice when the boys were born, so all of our families had many changes in their routines. As my doctor told me many times, you folks had two miracles that year, namely your health

Ruth Weber - continued

and their birth.

Over the years, my Nurses training has helped us in meeting the many problems of people in the various congregations we had served, in health or in sickness, and this was greatly appreciated by those concerned.

Now as Senior Citizens, we still enjoy helping our children and 9 grandchildren in many different ways. We have always enjoyed helping others, and now we still try to do this when health permits.

Gladys Lucille (Todd) Witt

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Employment History

At home with small children 1941-1951

School nurse - Lincoln Public Schools 1951-1977

Personal

Spouse: Russell C. Witt, married December 15, 1939

Children: Stephen L. Witt and Mary K. Witt Young

Grandchildren: Rhonda Witt/1959; Russell L. Witt/1961;

Geraldine Witt Rutledge/1962; Terri Young/1967

The Class of 1939 Endowed Scholarship

*In commemoration of our 55th year of graduation
from the Bryan Memorial Hospital
School of Nursing,
several members of the Class of 1939
have chosen to support the establishment
of an endowed scholarship bearing our class name.*

*Earnings from the Class of 1939
will continually provide scholarship support for
financially needy and academically sound students
enrolled in the Bryan program.*

*Be reminded that this endowed scholarship
is open-ended. All members of the Class may
continue to add their support to the scholarship
at any time, as often as they would like.*

*It should also be brought to the attention of each
class member that this endowed scholarship is certainly
worthy of future consideration as we each consider
estate planning and planned giving vehicles like our
will, insurance, trusts and annuities.*

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