

Memorial Resolutions

1935	Hillenmeyer	Mr. Walter W.	Mrs. J.R. Bush/Mrs. Joseph Wanless, Jr.						
1946	McDonald	Mrs. E. L.	Bella W. Carrick						
1951	Rogers	Lorraine Meeks							
1954	Johnston	Mrs. Marius	Virginia M. Rice						
1955	Hillenmeyer	Marie Reilling	Virginia M. Rice						
1956	Lawwill	Mrs. W. C. (Martha Hume)	Sallie Hamilton						
1962	Lafferty	Mrs. Maude Ward	Daisy Hume/Bella Carrick						
1964	Masseie	Edith Castle							
1973	Beard	Mrs. Louie A.	Ann Combs						
1974	Fishback	Carolyn Barrow							
1977	Warfield	Emily (Mrs. Robert?)							
1978	Hume	Daisy						sun dial from Hume home	
1978	Rice	Virginia Moore							
1985	Wachs	Jeanne Faulkner							
1988	Petter	Onnie Tucker	Pat DeCamp						
1989	Caldwell	Hester	Virginia Clark Hagan						
1989	Morris	Virginia McVey	Lou Simpson						
1997	Hamilton	Susie						"Susie Q" peony	
1998	Crump	Lucy Shropshire							
2001	King	Katsy	Helen Breckinridge						
2001	Wile	Louise	Harriett Holladay						
2002	Hagan	Virginia Rosalie Clark	Glenna Graves						
2002	Johnston	Inez Leath	Anne Gay						
2005	Goff	Mary Andrews Platt McVey	Kathy Dalton & Anne Gay						
2005	Tenney	Elizabeth Wallace	Kathy Brewer						
2007	Simpson	Lou	Nancy Ireland						
2012	Kessinger	Delia Marks							
2013	Milward	Jane Baynham	Kathy Dalton						
2013	Turner	Anne Preston	Kathy Dalton						
2014	Bell	Jessica	Joan Gaines						
2014	Bell	Wende	Janie Pappas						
2014	Campbell	Anne	Mott Nicol						
2014	Givens	Lida Ingels	Kathy Brewer						
2014	Hillenmeyer	Eileen	Betsy Hillenmeyer						
?	Hillenmeyer	Mrs. Louis							
?	Hume	Miss Dudley							
?	Vance	Nonie	Jessica Bell						
?	Williamson	Sue Barrow Hunt	Virginia Barrow						

THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
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Sorrow has filled our hearts.

In the sudden death of Mrs Marie Reilling Hillenmeyer the Garden Club of Lexington has lost one of its most valuable members and guiding spirit whose interest advise and unbounded enthusiasm have given so much impetus to our club.

Probably no interest in life, outside her family, was more dear to Mrs Hillenmeyer than her love of Horticulture, expressed in her own beautiful garden and her desire to have others enjoy the tranquil beauty of flowers and gardens to enrich home life. Her perfect taste and sense of beauty in all things were a source of delight to those with whom she came in contact.

One of Marie Hillenmeyers gifts was that of leadership, and during her membership in the Garden Club which covered a long period, she had held every office and for three years was the clubs President. She was always so

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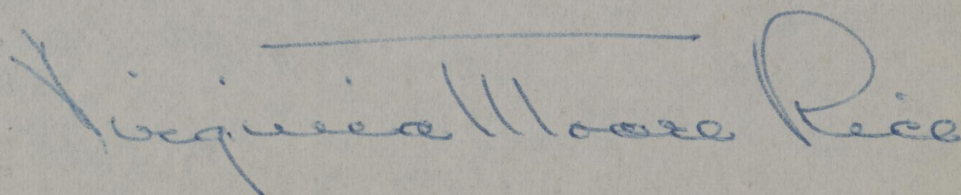
willing to give of her time and advise and whenever asked to do a task she never refused.

She was a devoted mother and a devout Christian.

Her passing away is a personal loss to many, but a spirit such as Marie Hillemeiers can never die; that will go on forever and be an inspiration to all those who knew and loved her.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family in their overwhelming loss.

Be it resolved that a copy of this tribute be filed with the minutes of this club and that a copy be sent to her family.



Corresponding Secretary.

September 9th. 1955.

Delia Marks Kessinger loved being a member of The Garden Club of Lexington. She took her role as a member very seriously. In the first years of her membership, she listened closely to the ladies around her. She loved working along side them and soaking up their gardening knowledge. Delia learned so much from her mentors and it showed in her own magnificent garden in her beloved backyard. Delia also took every opportunity to gather every tip and bit of flower arranging expertise she could gather from the experts around her she so admired, like Sarah Davis. She then put this knowledge to work in her own home and for friends and families delivering arranged flowers from her own garden. Delia held just about every office there was to hold in the club. She did each job with great ease and always a smile on her face. She was very involved with the last Zone Meeting and was even a dinner host at her home. Perhaps Delia is best known for her love of orchids and gardenias. She grew both of these extraordinary plants in her home. She became an expert on both, especially the gardenia. Louie Hillenmeyer has even been known to send a customer her way when they are frustrated with a stubborn gardenia. Delia always knew how to nurture it back to it's original beauty. The Garden Club of Lexington was blessed to have Delia's lovely hands working the soil of the garden.

Jane Webb Baynham Milward

The sweetest lady I've ever known. She giggled with words of encouragement and joy. She had a heart of gold, sharing pearls of wisdom with all who were lucky enough to really know her. You were just hugged by her healing spirit.

She loved bringing goodies to the garden in her later years, as an affiliate. As an active member, she was very involved and in fact served as Chairman of the Gift Shop, which served as our "money maker" before the era of "Bluegrass Winners".

As she matured; her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren were her greatest joy.

In her day, she was an incredible hostess with a great sense of generous spirit for others. She loved pretty things; her home, her yard and her life were all tendered with grace.

Mrs. Milward is one of those examples of membership that speak of sincerity of character. Always available to do what is heeded. And always punctuated with a smile that radiated sunshine.

Respectfully submitted,
Her friend
Kathy Dalton
March 2013

From: Martha Nicol marthagnicol@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Mrs Turner memorial
Date: March 13, 2014 at 8:31 AM
To: Bruce Nicol b.nicol1@insightbb.com

Mrs. Turner

Begin forwarded message:

From: KABspringstation@yahoo.com
Subject: Mrs Turner memorial
Date: March 12, 2014 at 10:16:20 AM EDT
To: "marthagnicol@gmail.com" <marthagnicol@gmail.com>
Cc: Brewer Kathy <kabspringstation@yahoo.com>

Mott

Here is the memorial for Mrs. Turner. I will not be able to attend the meeting, so sorry. Nancy Bishop has agreed to give the memorial...Could you please share this with her so that she has a copy?

I don't have Jessica's current e-mail.... Could you please forward this to her as well.

Kathy

Anne Howard Preston Turner was a life-long Lexington resident. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College where, in addition to academics, she participated in her great interest in horses and riding. Throughout her life, she was actively engaged in volunteerism, including many local organizations as well as the Frontier Nursing Service in Hyden which was founded by a cousin Mary Breckinridge. She was a long-term member of The Garden Club of Lexington and served as President in the 1970's. She extended her club activities into her affiliate years where she was a regular contributor to refreshments on Wednesdays, as well as taking thoughtful remembrances to members who were home-bound or unable to attend Club functions. Her many friendships with both Garden club members and others will be long remembered by those who shared them. She was honored by the GCA in 2011 with the Club Appreciation Award which is given "in appreciation and gratitude for participation and dedication to the Garden Club of Lexington-Ashland Garden with genteel hospitality and knowledgeable wisdom." This comment is a fitting summation of Anne's life.

Ms. John Bell

The Garden Club of Lexington lost a valued, long time member with the death of Jessica Bell. Jessica, who regaled us with her wit and sense of humor, also modeled for us the committed and dedicated Garden Club member.

Gardens and flowers were intrinsic to her being. She created beauty in her own gardens and shared her passion and knowledge in her borders at Ashland Garden. Jessica remained active in membership and yearly worked her assigned border dismissing affiliate membership.

If making a difference is an attribute of a valuable member, Jessica was the ideal. Over years of membership Jessica was engaged in the workings of the garden and the club. She chaired the Garden Project and attended annual and zone meetings. She supported flower shows, hosted Christmas teas, and actively engaged in whatever projects were presented.

Realizing the need for operating funds, Jessica was instrumental first, in promoting Friends of Ashland Garden which later became the Party in the Garden; and second, in the creation of the cookbook, Bluegrass Winners. In recognition of her singular contributions, she received the club's award "for her outstanding service as a member and horticulturist."

Jessica left us, who shared her world, with a deeper appreciation of not only the beauty of a garden, but also with a deeper meaning of the duties of membership. Her greatest legacy to the Garden Club of Lexington is the active membership of her daughters, Jessica Nicholson and Benny Williams, in whom she instilled her enthusiasm, passion, and love of all things floral.

March 20, 2014

Joan Gaines

Mrs. James Bell

From: Janie jwcr1@aol.com
Subject: Wende
Date: March 18, 2014 at 11:17 PM
To: Martha Nicol marthagnicol@gmail.com

When Mott asked me to memorialize Wende I was honored and quickly overcome. How to articulate the essence of Wende? From outstanding friend in life to raw courage in the face of death, Wende taught us how to live and how to die.

Wende was a charming study in contradictions:

High energy yet low key

Lighthearted but serious

Extravagant yet practical

Open minded yet conservative

Casual but correct

Inclusive and rarified

Sensitive but resilient

Busy but quiet

Talkative but a great listener

From the exotica of Dubai to the mundane and routine of a Wheeler's cheeseburger

Totally cool yet reliably warm

From impossible to reach by phone to available and fully present

Flip but profoundly insightful

Exceedingly kind and fiercely determined

Wende was a range of all these qualities and much much more.

In everything she did, Wende brought a spirit of friendship and vitality rarely equalled. There was a lightness and fun about her that could and did positively shift the energy in a room just by her entrance—a chore became a party—a duty a pleasure.

She unselfishly and enthusiastically gifted herself to us—her family and friends. People were her priority and you knew it in her presence.

As fellow garden clubbers and friends we were the beneficiaries of her talents and fine qualities. Wende could not be pegged or pinned down. She was and is free. She and her indomitable spirit will not be forgotten.

And, when I walk into the garden this spring, I will see her as I always do, vigorously planting away under her Holly tree before slipping quietly and hurriedly away to catch a plane to meet a Sheikh or to take a grandchild for another kind of shake.

I leave you with one of her favorite expressions.

"Take the cookies when they're passed".

And, that she did..

Respectfully submitted,
Janie
Sent from my iPhone

2014

Eileen Hillenmeyer – Written by Betsy Hillenmeyer

Eileen Hillenmeyer was the personification of the true Irish spirit. Her unique strength and spirit were a joy to all who knew her. Eileen was born in Lexington on July 29, 1921. She loved telling stories about her youth, especially growing up shinanigans in her Bell Court neighborhood and downtown including Canary Cottage, The Chinese Laundry, horseback riding at the current Shriners Hospital property and the old Henry Clay High School. Best of all she loved stories about her wonderful friends, most of them in the Garden Club of Lexington, and her beloved husband Bob. She and Bob were true kindred spirits and together founded Catholic Social Services, an organization to help parents with adoptions as well as many other issues. One of her first volunteer jobs was at the Army Depot with her friend Ann Turner during the war. It was fascinating to hear all of the war stories she would tell. She was also an active volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital and Baby Health. Eileen was President of the Garden Club of Lexington 1980 and Co-Chair of the zone meeting in 1977 with Dot Crutcher as Chairman. She was instrumental in the production of our wonderful *Bluegrass Winners* cookbook and very active in the garden Weeding and Feeding as she called it. She always had new recipes she wanted to share with her friends after the weeding. Eileen was always teaching flower arranging techniques, sharing Mimi Hillenmeyer's perinials and her wonderful recipes. She gave much wisdom and shared advice on many occasions. Her nephew, Louie loves the story about her advice on his daughter's wedding reception. "There will be a full bar at Amy's wedding, not just wine and beer!" The true Irish came out in her and he respected it! An Irish verse that reminds us of this gal is, "If you're Irish, come into the parlor, there's a welcome there for you". To her, everyone was her Irish friend.

The Garden Club of Lexington lost a valued member with the death of Anne Estill Campbell. Anne was born in Lexington and raised "in the country", as she often called her childhood home. She later married Alex Campbell and raised three children on Woodstock Farm. Life in the country made a lasting impression on Anne as she continued to love nature and the preservation of historical places throughout her life. She volunteered her time and shared her extensive knowledge with The Bluegrass Trust, First Presbyterian Church and the Garden Club of Lexington.

When I think of Anne, the first things that come to mind were her gorgeous Dahlias and dazzling Zinnias. She grew these in her garden and shared them with many. Anne would modestly agree to arrange a centerpiece for our Friends of the Garden party, a meeting or enter a flower show. I remember one miniature arrangement in particular that she and Betty Tenney created for a flower show. It was a dainty arrangement in a child's tea set. The entry won a blue ribbon! In 1996, Anne was awarded the Garden Club Flower Arrangement Certificate in appreciation and recognition of her creative talent. Anne was always humble and gave credit to others when you knew she had done the work herself.

Anne loved working in the garden at Ashland and "cheering" all of the younger members along as they weeded, planted and pruned side by side. Several Christmas Teas were held at Woodstock where not only were the flowers gorgeously arranged but the food was beautifully presented and delicious! As an affiliate member she continued to come to the meetings and bring refreshments to the garden. She was forever interested in learning new things but willing to pass on her knowledge of gardening when asked... which was often requested. In addition to this she shared her love for flowers and gardening at First Presbyterian Church. Here she was a vital part of a group of ladies who decorated the sanctuary with live greens at Christmas, tended it's small garden and made sure flowers were part of every Sunday service.

Anne was a faithful steward of this earth and unselfishly gave of her talents and time to make it a more beautiful place. Without pretense she reflected the mission of the Garden Club of America. Our club and community are blessed with a bouquet of fond memories of Anne Campbell.

MOTT NICOL

2014

Memorial written by Kathy Brewer

Lida Ingels Givens, lifelong Lexington resident, was a valued member of her community in several ways. She was involved in her church, First Presbyterian, by her active participation in the church garden, and especially in decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Lida also created a garden at the entrance to the Chapel in memory of her mother, Martha Riker Ingels. She also maintained a beautiful garden at her home in addition to her work in the Ashland garden. Lida graciously opened her home for the Christmas tea. One of Lida's greatest bequests was the legacy she left in her daughters, Martha Givens Nicol and Ellen Givens Chapman, both accomplished gardeners, entertainers and leaders in our club. We would be greatly diminished without their continued input. Apples do not fall far from the tree! The Givens girls, Lida, Ellen and Mott, deserve our heartfelt appreciation for their devotion and years of contributions to The Garden Club of Lexington.

LOUISIANA

Lovely
Outstanding
Unselfish
Inspiring
Special
Inviting
Active
Natural
Appealing

Lou was an inspiration to each of us and it was a pleasure to know her.

She encouraged us as new gardeners.

She shared her love of gardening with great enthusiasm.

She was an example with her dedication to her parterre in the garden.

She was a friend to everyone who was a visitor at Ashland Garden.

She was a master with words and her way of brevity was effective and endearing.

She had a witty sense of humor and a twinkle in her eye.

She was a devoted member of the Garden Club of Wellington for many years.

Lou has left her spirit in this place.

Her memory lives on as we treasure her and the love she had for Ashland.

Nancy Ireland Bishop

October 14, 2007

Virginia Rosalie Clark Hagan

Born January 10, 1905, Virginia Hagan died January 29, 2002.

Not many people live to be 97 years old, and she didn't just survive to that age, Virginia really lived her life to the fullest. Until she was well into her nineties, Virginia drove around her farm in an old WWII army surplus jeep, checking cattle, fence rows, and conditions in general. She could even be seen driving into town in that jeep to church or a party, hat and gloves and all.

Virginia was generous with her resources, especially her time. In 1970 she was asked to be on Transylvania University's Board where she served until her death. She served two terms as president of the Garden Club of Lexington, from 1960-1962 and again from 1970-1972. Because of her gardening knowledge and skills she was well qualified to serve in this capacity. Virginia could grow a magnolia tree from seed and a boxwood cutting in sand. She knew all the botanical names of her flowers and plants

and could talk about them for hours. Virginia was also a very innovative gardener: she converted a pit outside the back of her house into a greenhouse of sorts and was thereby able to grow tropical plants that would not otherwise survive the winters in Kentucky. During the holiday season, she often brought us limes she had grown herself in that pit. It is no surprise that she was eventually made an honorary member of our Garden Club.

Virginia was a practical person on every level, and well ahead of her time in that regard. She was composting and recycling long before it was the "in" thing to do. One fact that speaks not only to her practicality, but to her generosity as well is that upon her death she donated her body to science.

Virginia was very thoughtful, and she was always willing to share. She would always bring fresh fruit or something else delicious to snack on for everyone when she worked in the garden, and she would give away everything from saplings to flowers to home grown produce if she thought someone might enjoy it.

Not many people have seen enough to write a book, and most who have haven't the determination to do it. Virginia did. She had the forethought to keep a diary of current events both national and local, and this was of great help, but she was to find that her perseverance was to be of even greater value in that endeavor.

When she tried to take a computer course in an effort to expedite the writing process, she discovered they were teaching about how the computer worked, not how to work *it*. (It was assumed in 1998 that everyone already knew how to use a computer.) She withdrew from the class, and undaunted, she wrote her 186-page book entitled In My Time anyway. By hand.

When Virginia was born, horse and buggy was the mode of transportation for most; when she died it was possible for civilians to travel in space. Her life spanned most of the twentieth century and some of the twenty-first: she lived through the advent of television, the cold war, the space age and the computer age. She could do most anything, from farming to entertaining and

everything in between. She could cook, write and even paint. She lived through and adapted to a remarkable time in history-- but then, she was a remarkable lady.

Glenna Graves

1985

RESOLUTION

Jeanne Faulkner Wachs, one of the Garden club of Lexington's earliest members, died October 2, 1985.

Jeanne spent her life in the Bluegrass. She had a deep appreciation for the rich heritage and beauty found here and enthusiastically shared these values with all she met. Jeanne was a long time advocate of preserving Lexington's unique beauty. She devoted herself tirelessly to all Garden Club fund raising activities.

We appreciate Jeanne's many years of faithful membership and ask therefore, that this expression of admiration and affection be made a permanent part of the club's records.

RESOLUTION

A Memorial to Onnie Tucker Petter

Onnie adored flowers. She had them around her always - in her garden, in arrangements all over her house, and in her hospital room. They became a great source of strength and happiness to her toward the end of her life, when she was sorting out the things that really mattered.

I would like to give you a short look at Onnie's life through the medium of flowers - the common bond between all of us.

Onnie was a daisy when she was a little girl, frilly and fresh in little starched dresses and wide sashes. She wore bright, white eyelet-trimmed petticoats underneath, with white cotton bloomers that were starched, too. She was mischievous like a daisy, always edging beyond prescribed bounds.

In the seventh grade Onnie and Lida and Anne all wore brown felt derby hats to school everyday. They looked like Black-Eyed-Susans. I wished I had a smart hat, too.

As a teenager she was never, never, never a Wall-Flower. I would like to call her an "Onnie-Jump-Up" doing the jitterbug with great abandon. She turned into a Virginia Blue Bell when she became the belle of the ball.

As she grew up she embraced the sun and became a Sunflower - tall and radiant. If the temperature were as warm as 40 degrees, she would stick her legs in the sun and tan over the goosebumps.

It is hard to pick a flower for Onnie's mature years. Of course she was definitely a Water Lily, but more than that. I saw one of Alice McIlvain's deep, red peonies that, in its round symmetry and vibrant color reminded me of Onnie's elegance and refinement - of her desire for perfection in taste.

In the long run, though, I choose the Dahlia. This flower is showy and strong and suggests the staying power and indomitable courage that were Onnie's during the last several years. She especially loved her Dahlias, and my Garden Book calls it the true queen of the late summer gardens.

RESOLUTION

A Memorial to Onnie Tucker Petter

She enjoyed the Garden Club immensely, and gave it her full interest and enthusiasm. She served as an imaginative program chairman, an energetic co-chairman of the "Garden" sale and silent auction at the Ashland garden cottage in the lean years b. c. b. (before cook book).

The cook book really gave Onnie something to sink her teeth into. It embraced her chief interests - good food, entertaining, and the horse business, because she was a hostess par excellance.

She worked in the planning of the book, tried out recipes, and pondered the book sales. After the book was printed, she sold it out of the back of her car. During bad periods of her illness, she operated over the phone from her hospital bed. She sent books all over the world to her many friends. She really loved being on the Bluegrass Winners team and was very proud of the garden club's accomplishment.

Onnie was a light in our lives that we will sorely miss.

Patricia DeCamp
Read May 19, 1988

RESOLUTION

Hester Caldwell died December 24, 1988. She was a lovely lady, always smiling, friendly and warm, who loved her Garden Club and her Garden Club friends.

She had been a member for at least 50 years. When she lived in the country she had a wonderful well-designed garden, full of gorgeous flowers where she did much of the work herself, and knew all the botanical names.

As she grew older she worked in the Ashland Garden, and even into her late eighties, she went around the borders with a basket to cut dead flowers and make the garden neat.

There has not been a member more devoted to the Garden Club than Hester. She made it the center of her life and gave it the full measure of her love.

Virginia Clark Hagan
Read March 16, 1989

RESOLUTION

1903 - 1989

Virginia and Jimmy Morris both loved gardening and together developed a large area around their home into a beautiful combination of bluegrass and cultivated sections. At some distance from the house, there was a terrace with a view of rose beds, perennial borders, fruit trees, cutting garden, tool house and potting shed. Sitting on the terrace on a hot summer night, with breezes from all sides, a view of the house, with lights twinkling from the windows, was a special treat for all of us.

Being the daughter of Dr. McVey, President of the University, Virginia developed special skills as a hostess which she used to entertain often and with charm. She had beautiful taste, and over the years, she added objects of art to her family treasures. As President of the Garden Club, she had a knack for getting members to take on jobs they would not otherwise have attempted, and as a mother, I always felt she cared more for her children than did some of the rest of us - or so it seemed.

Virginia did, indeed, live with grace, and as Katherine Mansfield said, "I want by understanding myself, to understand others. I want to be all that I am capable of becoming."

Lou Simpson
Read May 18, 1989

In Memory of Mrs. W. J. Lafferty
Jan 1962 -

To speak of the attainments and
Achievements of a very fine person is
Almost an impossible thing.

As a member of the Garden Club
of Lexington Mrs Maude Ward
Lafferty's knowledge of Kentucky's
flora was shared with its members.

In 1924 when she was appointed
Secretary of the Club Service of
the University Extension she
worked with the Garden Clubs
throughout the state furnishing
lecturers and giving lectures herself.

Mrs Lafferty helped form the Field
Days held at the University from 1932 to
1935. Each year one talk was
broadcast over the radio. The
Afternoon was spent in the Botanical
Garden at the University - The late
Afternoon tea was enjoyed at Maxwell
House.

She was Miss Mary Robinson

represented the Garden Club of Lexington
on the Botanical Garden Committee.
When her position became more
time taking and she could no
longer attend our meetings, she
was made an Honorary member.
In 1931 our first tour of Historical
Places in the Blue Grass a booklet
written by Mrs Lafferty was printed
by the Garden Club of Lexington as a
guide -

In 1933 Mrs Lafferty attended the
Regional Meeting of the National State
Federation of Garden Clubs and was
appointed chairman on legislation for
8 states.

Long to be remembered by the Club
members were the picnic tours she
conducted for the Club members -
one in Fayette and Bourbon Counties -
one in Harrison County - The last
tour she conducted we met with
our President, Mrs Louis Hellenmeyer
for breakfast then to Historical
Homes in Scott County.

In 1940 as an active conservationist
Mrs Lafferty attend the organization

Meeting of the Kentucky Conservation
Council and met with a special
Committee to draw up its constitution
and by-laws - Therefore she
attended many meetings -
Her knowledge of history, parliamentary
laws and her many and varied
interests in club work were of
untold value to the Garden Club of
Lexington and therefore we wish
these recommendations to become
a part of the minutes and a copy
sent to her family -

Daisy Hume

Bella W. Carrick

Feb 1st 1962.

Be it resolved that in the death of Edith Castle Massie the Garden Club of Lexington has lost a member who was both deeply appreciated and loved. To evaluate our appreciation, we found in Edith a quietness, a charming humor, an acceptance of duty, always taking her share of a burden, doing whatever she did willingly and competently. One of the partiers^{ers} in the Ashland Garden was her responsibility. As co-chairman of the Auction held at Ashland she worked quietly in the background to make it a success, never seeking credit but working always for the success of the project as a whole. Let us not forget the beautiful sweaters that she knitted and sold for the maintenance of the Garden. Her own sweet garden was her sanctuary.

Edith will be sorely missed both in the work of the Garden Club of Lexington and in the hearts of it's members. What monuments of stone or works of art can pay tribute equal to that.

Feb 14 64

RESOLUTION

One of the most loyal and devoted members of the Garden Club of Lexington, Virginia Moore Rice, died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 7th, 1978. Her Mother was a very early member of our Garden Club and her sister belongs to two Garden Club of America Clubs in Memphis. She remained young in spirit, alert and interested in all the activities of the Garden Club of Lexington. She was a faithful and dependable worker in the shop and her genial good humor reached out to all. With the passing of Virginia Moore Rice, we will miss one of our long-time loyal members. Her support and cheerfulness will be missed by her many friends who appreciated her warm affection and latent abilities.

Daisy Hume

Daisy Hume died March 17, 1978, ending a long and fruitful life.

She had been a member of the Garden Club of Lexington for 60 years, having joined in 1918. She and her elder sisters had known the Garden Club from its very beginning, had held office and demonstrated fine team work in all its projects. Some of us can remember Daisy and Dudley at Fall Festival time in the kitchen presiding over sales with equal parts of hospitality, efficiency and pleasure.

The Sun Dial in the Ashland Garden came from the Hume home in the country, and part of the wall was given by Daisy and Dudley.

Daisy worked in the garden long after most of us would have quit. But Daisy was not a quitter. To the end she gave of herself gladly to her friends and to the organizations she loved. She never wanted to be anything but active, and insisted on doing her part.

Daisy's special interest was conservation, and she was a dynamic part of the Kentucky Conservation Committee being chairman from 1934 to 1940. This group worked long and hard

to keep Cumberland Falls from being taken over by
self seeking groups.

She was an enthusiastic gardener. Was her
special devotion because she was named for a
flower?

Daisy loved her friends and being 90 years
old didn't keep her from having parties.

To be entered into the minutes
of The Garden Club of Lexington
on reflection of:

Sue Barrow Hunt Williamson,
mother of David Barrow Hunt and
Waller Bullock Hunt, Jr. and
grand mother of Sue Barrow Hunt
Wright

Her kindness, compassion and
dignity could only be compared
with her intellectual approach
to the world of her time.

Strength had no weakness. Honor
was her companion. Love of
mankind was evident by ~~the~~
her gentleness, honesty and
respect.

Her life given to mankind
has brought an added dimen-
sion to goodness. A lady, a
daughter, wife and mother, a
capable business woman, a spirit
loved, cherished, and remembered
forever.

This is her immortality.

Virginia M. Dillon Barrow

Commemorating Miss Dudley Hume

Since our last meeting we have lost one of our ardent and most devoted members. Miss Dudley Hume was loyal, dedicated and interested in all the activities of the Garden Club.

Her unfailing good humor, balance and native good sense were valued by all who knew her, and her optimistic outlook and warm interest in others made many friends during her long life.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the many contributions made to this club by Miss Dudley and her two sisters.

WHEREAS the Garden Club of Lexington has lost
a valued and much-loved member by the death of

CAROLYN BARROW FISHBACK

BE IT RESOLVED: that the quiet diligence with
which she carried out her work in the Ashland
Garden and other club projects, will always be
remembered. Her unassuming charm and beauty of
spirit enriched all those who knew her.

Realizing that their loss is even greater than
ours, to her husband, Robert E. Fishback, Jr.,
her children and family, the Garden Club of
Lexington extends its deepest sympathy, and here-
by incorporates this Resolution in the permanent
records of the club, as of this 24th day of May, 1974.

Mrs. Louie A. Beard

Let it be resolved that the Garden Club of Lexington record in their minutes the loss of Mrs. Louie A. Beard, a member in good standing in the Garden Club of Lexington for many years. Her perfect taste in house and garden reflected her love of Beauty, both indoors and out of doors. Her breath-taking flower arrangements will long be remembered. In her interest in Conservation and Preservation, as well as in Horticulture, she typified the true Garden Club of America member.

We, the Garden Club of Lexington, send love and sympathy to her two children, and, with them, rejoice in having had such a vivid personality enrich the Garden Club of Lexington.

April 1973

Ann Price Combs

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS

MRS. LOUIS HILLENMEYER, SR., throughout her many years of membership in the Garden Club of Lexington, represented the highest standards of participation;

As an officer, she led and inspired;

As an Active Member, she worked faithfully to fulfill her obligations;

As an Associate, she continued to take part in activities insofar as she was able.

When she could no longer dig, she brought refreshments to tired workers in the Garden at Ashland, drawing them together for pleasant interludes in the shade of the hackberry tree.

As an Affiliate, she re-affirmed her life-long interest in the club and in the Garden Club of America, at a time when infirmity ruled out active involvement.

Her influence will long be felt, and her wit and charm remembered.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That this expression of admiration and affection become a permanent part of the record of this club.

Feb. 11, 1977

Emily was a loving and devoted daughter but it was as a wife and mother that she shone. She drew that fine line, walked that narrow tight rope, of balancing attention to her husband and time spent with her children. She accomplished this difficult feat by giving each one hundred per cent. Having turned aside prospects of a promising medical career for the demanding task of guiding four people through life, three of them her children, she became enthusiastically domestic. Bringing to this a fine mind, well-trained, self-discipline and a joyful sense of humor, she mastered gardening, cooking and all the things that go into making a house a home. Most of all she made her presence there a rule rather than an event. Her volunteer work, which was considerable, never interfered with the requirements of her family, nor did she let her friends drive a wedge in this direction. But she was fun to have as a friend.

Without ego problems of her own she was able to overlook your faults and to regard your failings with amused tolerance. One of her distinguished kinsmen, George Santayana, says:

"With you a part of me hath passed away;
For in the peopled forest of my mind
A tree made leafless by this wintry wind
Shall never don again its green array.
Chapel and fireside, country road and bay,
Have something of their friendliness resigned;
Another, if I would I could not find,
And I am grown much older in a day.
But yet I treasure in my memory
Your gift of charity, and ^{your} heart's ease;

And the dear honor of your amity;
For these once mine, my life is rich with these,
And I scarce know which part may greater be —
What I keep of you, or you rob from me."

Resolution.

To speak of the attainments and achievements of a very fine person is almost an impossible thing. Certainly it would be difficult to describe and fully praise the many wonderful things Mrs. Fawcett accomplished in her life time. Her loss to the Garden Club is greatly felt as it is in our own community.

One of her many fine traits was that her standard of values, of ideals, of beauty were exceptionally high. Her goal was always reached even though it is very hard to attain perfection in things accomplished. Her striving for these things helped the Garden Club of Lexington to a fuller, richer

conception of beauty, of value
and of the always necessary
completion of these rare gifts.

Martine Hume Sawmill was
a charter member of our club,
and she became a Director of the
Garden Club of America.

She helped many of us through
the years to realize the importance
of cultural and spiritual things.

She gave to her church the
many qualities she possessed and
enriched the lives of many
who needed help and love and
encouragement.

Our hearts and minds are
richer for knowing her and
may we always try very hard
to attain the things she wanted
so much for us to see and feel,
the beauty of nature and the perfection
there may be in this life of ours.

Respectfully submitted

Sara J. Hamilton, 1956
Corresponding Secretary.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

MEMBER OF
THE GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS

The Garden Club of Lexington has lost by death one of its most valuable members, Mrs Marius Johnston.

In the last few years she was not able, due to ill health, to take an active part in the club work, but the members will not forget her hospitality, generosity, and excellent advice in the past. She was always willing to cooperate and help in every way when the club called upon her. Mrs Johnston was a lover of beauty in nature where ever she made her home she always had a beautiful garden full of colorful bloom and fragrance. This was indicative of her sensitive and lovely character.

Mrs Johnston was a lover of human nature as well and the many fine things she has done for those needing help in Lexington will be greatly missed. She was a devoted wife and mother and a loyal member of her church.

The Garden Club of Lexington will miss her greatly and we shall be enriched from having worked with her during her active years in this club.

Be it resolved that a copy of this tribute be filed in the minutes of our club and that a copy be sent to her family

Virginia Moore Rice

Secretary

1954

1951

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MRS. ROGERS

We of the Garden Club of Lexington regret with all our hearts the death of Loraine Meeks Rogers. Her few years of devotion to the hopes and aspirations of our club taught us of the many years of inspiration she gave to the Garden Club of America and of Atlanta.

Her services have been many to us and to others. In 1933 she received from the City of Atlanta the outstanding citizen achievement award. She was the first woman president of the Horticulture Society of Georgia. A lecturer and a leader in the Peachtree Garden Club, she was also the recipient of the medal in bronze for achievement from the Garden Club of America in 1934.

Although she was with us just a few years, she was more than generous to us with her time, her health and her excellent ability. We of the Garden Club of Lexington are richer for her charm and kindness to us and accept the many good things she did for us with real sorrow and humility.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MRS. E.L.McDONALD
January 1948

Be It Resolved, that in the passing of Mrs. Edward L. McDonald, the Garden Club of Lexington has sustained a great loss. She was an example of what a valuable member can be, an outstanding gardener and a splendid organization member. Her loyalty and interest were always to be depended on. She was a member, at one time, of the Executive Committee holding office of Recording Secretary and afterwards a member of the board. She has many times been hostess to the club for monthly meeting, and has given outstanding programs. The club has often benefited from her sense of fairness and her good judgment. Through recent years when she has been unable to attend the meetings regularly she was always welcomed and her presence added something special to the occasion. Her graciousness and charm will be long remembered by all who worked closely with her through the years.

The Garden Club of Lexington wishes the family of Mrs. McDonald to know each member feels a sense of irreparable loss. These resolutions will become a part of the minutes of the organization and a copy be sent to Mr. McDonald and to his family.

The Garden Club of Lexington
by Bella W. Carrick
Corresponding Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE
GARDEN CLUB OF LEXINGTON,
UPON THE DEATH OF MR. WALTER W.
HILLENMEYER. 1935



BE IT RESOLVED:

That in the death of Mr. Walter W. Hillenmeyer, the Garden Club of Lexington has sustained great loss. Himself a gardener, a lover of all plant life, of all that was beautiful, the objects of the Garden Club had for him instant appeal, and he was one of its earliest honorary members. His public spirited efforts to disseminate a love of flowers took the particular form of giving lavishly both in person and in kind, and in helping in every way to make the Garden Club an influence in the community for the beautification of Lexington, so long as he lived. His unlimited knowledge and unceasing enthusiasm were invaluable to the Club, from the very first. He led in every project. His memory will be cherished by this organization as a perfect example of the gracious spirit which is behind the making of every garden.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes of this Club; that a copy be sent to his bereaved family, as an expression of our deep sorrow and sympathy; and to the daily papers for publication.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

Mrs. J. R. Bush
Mrs. Joseph Wauler Jr.

MEMORIAL TO NONI VANCE

Ashland Garden never had a better friend than Nonie Vance, because she did with the garden what she did with everything in her life: she loved, she nourished, she gave. There was nothing stingy about this lady. She gave wholeheartedly to her family, her church, her friends, and to lucky Ashland Garden. When her knees gave out and she no longer could work in the garden, she really went to work for the sisterhood, as she always called us.

It was obvious to her that the garden could not survive without some major money, so she jumped on the cookbook idea, set up the original meeting with the publisher in Memphis, organized the trip for herself and the others who went, worked on every facet of the pregnancy and birth of the book, and led the cheer-leading during the discouraging times.

All along and up until the very end, Nonie enjoyed her garden friends, the sisterhood, enormously, and continued to contribute by bringing refreshments which, as we all know, helps tremendously in keeping others on their knees and working. We miss her.

Jessica Bell

Thoughts in Memory of Lucy Shropshire Crump

It is difficult to know where to begin when recognizing the scope of Lucy's accomplishments. Her talents and interests were so many and so broad that when you list them all, you realize that she was truly a Renaissance woman!

What an invaluable member she was in the Garden Club of Lexington! she excelled in horticulture, garden design and flower arranging. Whatever she touched she made more beautiful because of her talent.

To quote from the history in our yearbook " In 1967 a contest was held for the best downtown Christmas window done by a garden club. Our club's entry, masterminded by Mrs. Lawrence Crump, won first place."

When we hosted the Garden Club of America Zone VII meeting in 1977 Lucy created a spectacular garden in the Idle Hour Country Club for the final dinner. I can attest to the fact that it was a topic of conversation and admiration at numerous Zone VII meetings following ours.

She developed over the years a book bindery which, besides keeping alive the old craftsmen's method of binding, was instrumental in helping the Garden Club publish a number of booklets and one hardback, handpainted book written and illustrated by other members of the club. The sale of these books contributed to the support of the garden. Lucy insisted that the booklets be hand threaded and tied and declared that if they were ever stapled she would wash her hands of the project.

Living in Gratz Park, she developed and tended a precious city garden which she generously shared for walking tours, chairitable Open Houses and many social occasions. In 1984 as unofficial "Mayor of Gratz Park" she was honored by the Lexington-Fayette County Historic Commission for her for her influence in protecting the Park and other historic areas.

In 1985 our club sucessfully propased Lucy for the Zone VII Historic

Preservation Award.

Lucy had been active at the time of the founding of the Blue Grass Trust when the Hunt Morgan House was acquired to save it from demolition. Many years later I was lucky to persuade her to rejoin the Board and become Treasurer when we set up a permanent Endowment Fund. Eventually we hit upon the idea of the Holiday Market. No one but Lucy could have made it the grand success that it became. She was procurer of materials, designer, quality control manager, saleswoman, promoter and treasurer.

Besides all of these garden-related activities she was involved in many other civic projects such as being Executive Director of the Junior League Horse Show, Chairman of the Lexington Orphan Society Board, in charge of a spectacular Antique Silver Display for Transylvania's Bicentennial celebration, furnishing Parker Place with a zero budget for the headquarters for the NCAA Basketball Regional Tournament, organized and advised several successful Investment Clubs. And for all of these accomplishments she was the recipient of the Optimist Club Award as the outstanding Citizen of the Year!

What more can I say except " Lucy you will be greatly missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing and working with you!

1997

The Garden Club of Lexington lost a very special member when Suzanne Hamilton died, after a long illness on July 9, 1996.

She had a host of friends in and out of the Club of which she had been a member for many years.

She was a most gracious hostess and when the Club met at her home she always devised unusual pleasures for her guests.

Her generosity to friends and the community was unique. She had served on the boards of many agencies as well as in the Club.

When she became unable

to work in the garden at
Auckland any more she
gave plants among
which was a peony
named Susie @. This
was typical of her delightful
~~sense~~ sense of humor.

There has not been a
death in this community
that has saddened so
many; we have been
blessed in knowing her.

Memorial to Mrs. Walter White King

Mrs. Walter White King, better known to all of us as Katsy, joined The Garden Club of Lexington in 1984, transferring her active membership from The LaDue Garden Club in St. Louis, Missouri. Katsy became an active member in our club immediately in many ways, participating in working at Ashland Garden on Wednesday mornings with enthusiasm. She was chairman of the Gerden Project *for four years* and showed leadership qualities as well as knowledge of horticulture as a Master Gardener. She and I represented The Garden Club of Lexington at a Zone VII meeting in Warrenton, Virginia and Katsy's arrangement which revolved around horses was well received. Her home and garden on Holiday Road were something to behold any month of the year, a credit to a member of The Garden Club of America. Due to poor health she became an affiliate member in 1996 but she will always be remembered as a contributing member of The Garden Club of Lexington.

April 19, 2001

Helen Breckinridge
Helen Breckinridge
(Mrs. Scott D.)

It gives me great pleasure
to write this memorial to
Louise Cole, a very valuable
member of the Garden Club
of Lexington for many
years.

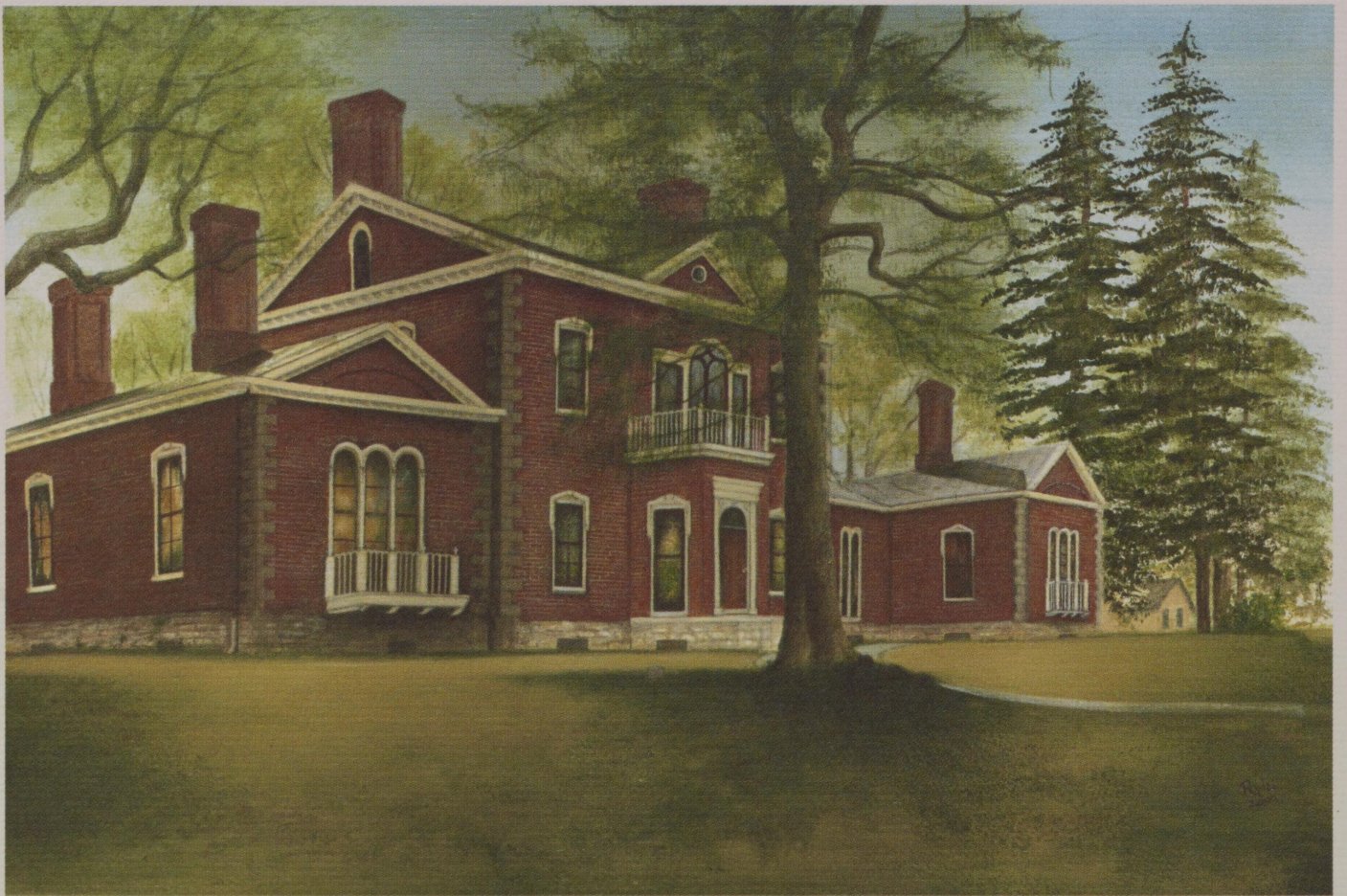
She became a member about
ten years after the garden
was started and she was
active in the gift shop
that had been started to
raise money for the garden.

She was a great hostess
and I remember being
in her basement making
Christmas decorations
to be sold.

She often brought
refreshments to the
workers in the garden.

She was a blyth spirit
and added her charm
to everything she touched.
The Garden Club of
Lexington has lost a dear
and valuable member.

Harriett Holladay
2001



Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate

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Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate
Lexington, Kentucky

The stately house, A National Historic Landmark,
is filled with Clay and Clay family furnishings.
Henry Clay known as "The Great Compromiser,"
was a major national figure in 19th century politics.

Original Artwork by Margaret Ryle

For twenty-four years I've had the good fortune to live near
Ashland and be a part of its exceptional beauty and history.

It has been a heartwarming blessing to my life.

Lasting friendships have also made this house a home.

Is it any wonder I have expressed my appreciation with brush and paint?

May, 24, 01

MRS. HENRY T. HOLLADAY
134 MCDOWELL ROAD
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40502

My dear Elizabeth -
I feel this is an
~~inadequate~~ ^{inadequate} testimonial
for Louise's wife but it
is the best I can come
up with. I loved
Louise, we'd been friends
ever since she came
to Lexington. Thank
you for asking me to
make the testimonial to
her. With best wishes
Harold

3-21-02

MEMORIAL TO INEZ LEATH JOHNSTON

Inez Leath Johnston died on November 5, 2001, but she will long be remembered for her beauty, her wit, and her graciousness. Inez loved the spring and often hosted the April meeting of The Garden Club of Lexington. Members were encouraged to bring their own containers and to pick as many daffodils as they wanted. For those unable to attend, Inez would pick generous bunches and deliver them herself. She also invited friends of all ages to come pick. Children loved to go to the farm to run through the boxwood, see the colorful peacocks, and to pick their own flowers to take home. Inez adored her beautiful farm, Montrose, and could be seen riding the mower until the year of her death. She faithfully worked in Ashland Garden until her knees gave way, and then took up the task of organizing members to provide refreshments for workers on Wednesdays. She always did her part, and brought delicious goodies herself. Who can forget her cucumber sandwiches or devilled eggs? Rarely did she miss a meeting or a Garden Club event. Inez loved a good party and had many friends of all ages. She was pretty, funny, with a delightful sense of humor. There are many "Inezisms," her funny sayings. She was the first person I ever heard say, upon leaving a dull party, "been there, done that." If asked if she liked something which she did not, her reply was "Not no whole lot." Always insisting on good grammar, she never hesitated to correct other people's mistakes. When the ambulance attendant who was taking her, at age 91, to the hospital, said, "Lay back, Ma'am," she looked him in the eye and said, "Lie back."

She taught many people many things, especially how to laugh and to have a good time. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Anne Gay

ELIZABETH WALLACE TENNEY MEMORIAL

Garden Club of Lexington

March 17, 2005

In speaking with friends of Elizabeth (Betty) Wallace Tenney, I uncovered many qualities which were with her throughout her life. Betty was an extremely strong person, strong of character and with strong opinions. She was a capable person, as evidenced by her abilities at the bridge table, in the kitchen, in her domestic expertise and in her athletic ability as a golfer. She was loyal to things that she loved: to her Ashland neighborhood and to her father's interest and love for Shakertown and the Palisades area. Betty was the long time Treasurer of the Orphans Society of Lexington and the stalwart guardian of investments for that group. More than once, members have received a call with this recurrent familiar pattern: "Listen --- I've had a letter from them (the bank) and I don't like it. I'm going to call and recommend buying such and such and I want you to wait until you hear from them again with my suggestions." Always these suggestions were agreed upon and the Society prospered. The Garden Club was especially fortunate to enjoy Betty's expertise and interest in roses. She was "Command Central" at the rose bed and her able lieutenants carried on in her stead when she could not be there. Never once did I hear Betty complain or say "I can't". She could and she did for as long as possible. It has been a privilege to know her and to work with her. If the situation warranted her respect, she always gave her best effort to resolve problems and achieve the optimum outcome. She did not hesitate to take a position when one was required. She was candid, forthright and focused. Her community will miss her.

Katherine A. Brewer

MARY ANDREWS PLATT MCVEY GOFF

She could do it all. Play bridge like Charles Goren, run a thriving business, chase tribesmen in New Guinea, ride a camel in Egypt, or throw a beautiful party for 200 in her back yard. Mary Andrews Platt McVey Goff was one of the most capable women I have ever known or read about. She had quite a head for business. She started the Nearly New shop with Caroline Scott, managed the gift shop at Liberty Hall with Virginia Clark, and was the main buyer for the Garden Club of Lexington's shop at Ashland. She also started her own business and taught swimming and bridge. On the vestry of two churches, she raised the money to build the Cathedral of St. George at the Cathedral Domaine and was instrumental in founding the Friends of Shakertown. In addition she was active in the Colonial Dames and was a regent of Kenmore.

Out of life's tragedies grew Mary Andrews' many creative interests. After the death of her first husband, Waddell Platt, she put her energies into creating a way to support her family. She started mass producing her Dufont Toddies. They became known far and wide. She was warned by the postal services that they were so full of bourbon that she needed to apply for a liquor license if she wished to continue mailing them! Needless to say, her family thrived, as did her business.

Her interest in pottery grew after the tragic death of her son, Hunter Platt. Many friends treasure her ceramic gifts all finished off with personal touches of sayings and written kindnesses.

But these accomplishments do not begin to tell the story of Mary Andrews. She loved fun. She was a devoted mother and grandmother. Over the years she took each of her six grandchildren on a special overseas trip, often wearing them out long before she was willing to call it a day. She had friends of all ages all over the world. Possessed with unlimited energy, warmth and optimism, she was always willing and eager to do her part. She had a beautiful garden, specializing in roses, at every house she occupied, and was a faithful worker in the garden at Ashland. When she could no longer dig, she brought delicious goodies to the workers and always contributed food to the Friends of the Garden party. She was one of the original backers of the first Bluegrass

● Winners, and later headed the national marketing committee. It was she who received the letter from Helen Hayes endorsing the cookbook.

Bridge was her passion and all who were lucky enough to either play or benefit from her lessons carry the knowledge to bridge tables around the world. A grand master, she studied under Goren, taught in six states, and recorded several series on KET. As a result, her big smile and enthusiasm for the game was spread far and wide. Just weeks before she died, she was instructing young friends in some of the finer points of play.

Her golf was her joy, and she played last fall, delighting her foursome with yet more stories of planned trips with children, grand and great.

We will miss her yummy tea and goodies in the garden. I have her tea recipe and will share it for the new cookbook. I will miss her fabulous clothes and cute figure... but most of all, I will miss her precious smile and warm deep southern accent, and her jaunty walk.

Kathy Dalton +

Anne Gay