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BSN and MSN classes with years ending in 4 and 9—as well as all members of the Half Century Club (classes 1933–1958)—will be celebrating reunions in 2009. Many exciting activities are planned for this special weekend. We hope you'll join us!



REUNION 2008

More than 150 alumni and friends are expected on campus in April for Reunion 2008. Weekend events include the 2008 Alumni Association Awards presentation, the annual alumni luncheon, and social and educational activities.



Message from Alumni President

Greetings my fellow alumni,

It has been a privilege to serve as your president of the Nursing Alumni Association for 2007–08.

As alumni our support is so important to our school. I am personally proud of all the new developments—the new doctoral degree programs and the phenomenal growth of our ABSN program. Duke is once again training the best baccalaureate level nurses—people who will provide better clinical care, fill badly needed faculty positions in schools of nursing, and conduct research that will improve the health care we all will experience one of these days! Our school has become nationally recognized for excellence in nursing education and research—we can all be truly proud of our Duke nursing degrees.

I'm also very proud to let you know that we nursing alumni have one of the highest participation rates among Duke University's professional schools. Go Duke nurses!

I hope you will all enjoy catching up with news from your former classmates as you read this issue of *Duke Nursing Magazine*. It is one of the many services your Nursing Alumni Association provides to you. If you have ideas and suggestions for how the Alumni Association can better serve you, I hope you will write to me or send an e-mail to me at berthawms@aol.com.

Thank you again for all you do for Duke Nursing. It has been an honor to serve as your president.

Sincerely,

Bertha Williams, MSN'96

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School of Nursing Honors Three

2008 Duke University School of Nursing
Alumni Association Awardees

Distinguished Alumna Award

**Diane Morrison Snow, BSN'67, PhD, RN,
PMHNP-BC, CARN**



Diane Snow is a clinical professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and co-director of the Center for Psychopharmacology Education and Research. She is also director and founder of UTA's Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program, which was the first such program in the state of Texas. She has taught at

UTA for 28 years. A certified addictions registered nurse (CARN) and certified family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP), she has practiced as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Bipolar Research Clinic for the past eight years.

Snow is a past president of the International Nurses Society on Addiction, a trustee of the Foundation for Addictions Nursing, and associate editor of the *Journal of Addictions Nursing*. She served on the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses Advisory Board and serves on numerous community boards related to mental health and addictions. She has written several publications and given both national and international presentations on addictions and psychiatric topics, particularly co-occurring disorders and psychopharmacology.

Her numerous awards and honors include receiving the Education Award from the International Society of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurses, the Research Award from the National Nurses Society on Addictions, and the President's Award from the International Nurses Society on Addictions. In 1993 she was recognized as a Great 100 Nurse in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Snow received a BSN from Duke University, an MSN from the University of Texas at Arlington in Psychiatric Nursing, a PhD in nursing from Texas Woman's University, and a postmaster's certificate as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner from UTA.

Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Science Award

**Jacquelyn C. Campbell, BSN'68, PhD,
RN, FAAN**

A national leader in domestic and intimate partner violence (IPV) research, Jacquelyn Campbell is a professor and the Anna D. Wolf Chair in the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. She also holds a joint appointment in the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Campbell's studies paved the way for a growing body of interdisciplinary investigations by researchers in nursing, medicine, and public health. Her research has been continuously funded since 1984 by the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Justice, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the United States Department of Defense, and she has been the principal investigator on 10 major grants. Her expertise is frequently sought by national and international policy makers in exploring IPV and its potential health effects on families and communities. She serves on the boards of the Family Violence Prevention Fund and the House of Ruth Battered Women's Shelter and was a member of the congressionally appointed United States Department of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence.

She is a widely published author with more than 150 refereed publications and two of her works, *Nursing Care of Survivors of Family Violence* and *Nursing Care of Victims of Family Violence*, have been named Book of the Year by the *American Journal of Nursing*. She has appeared as an expert on several national programs, including CNN's *Nightly News*.



Campbell was the Institute of Medicine/American Academy of Nursing/American Nurses' Foundation Scholar in Residence for 2005–06. She was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2000 and was also a Simon Visiting Scholar at the University

of Manchester in Manchester, England. A 2000 Robert Wood Johnson Urban Health Fellow, she has received honorary doctorates from Grand Valley State University, the University of Massachusetts, and University of Goteberg in Sweden. Her most recent honors are the 2006 Pathfinder Award for Nursing Research from the Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research and the 2005 American Society of Criminology Vollmer Award for her research contributing to justice.

The Duke University School of Nursing has also recognized Campbell's accomplishments over the years. She was named a distinguished alumna in 1996, and in 2003 she delivered the school's Harriet Cook Carter lecture.

Prior to her current appointments Campbell served as associate dean for faculty affairs in the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. She holds a BSN degree from Duke and an MSN degree from Wright State University. She received a PhD in nursing from the University of Rochester.



Lifetime Achievement Award

Ruby L. Wilson, EdD'69, RN, FAAN

Ruby Wilson served as dean of the Duke University School of Nursing from 1971 to 1984.

Currently a professor of nursing, assistant professor of medicine, and assistant to the chancellor for health affairs, she first came to the School of Nursing in 1955 as a young faculty member.

In 1963 she was appointed clinical nurse specialist—Duke Hospital's first—providing care for dialysis and kidney-transplant patients in the Division of Nephrology.

During her tenure as dean of the School of Nursing, Wilson was known as an innovator. She encouraged professional development of the faculty, put in place a pioneering undergraduate curriculum, and worked to re-establish the graduate program. Beginning in the late 1970s Wilson guided the School of Nursing through the challenging period of "retrenchment" at the university, which resulted in the closing of the school's undergraduate programs. Since that time the graduate program in nursing has become a hallmark of the medical center.

In 2006 Duke University recognized her innovation in nursing education and care by awarding her with the University Medal for Distinguished Meritorious Service—one of the university's highest awards.

Wilson has carried her service commitment into the local community and far beyond. Among many other involvements she has served on the boards of the Duke Cancer Patient Support Program, the American Cancer Society, Triangle Hospice, and the Women's Forum of North Carolina. She has also been elected to both the prestigious Institute of Medicine and the American Academy of Nursing. She served as a presidential appointee on the National Council of Nurse Training of the United States Public Health Service.

Before coming to Duke Wilson was a staff nurse, head nurse, and night clinical supervisor at Allegheny General Hospital in Pennsylvania. She received a BS degree in nursing education from the University of Pittsburgh, an MSN degree from Case Western Reserve University, and a doctor of education degree from Duke.

1930s



Eleanor Miller Lindsay, N'34, of Martinsburg, W. Va., celebrated her 94th birthday on Jan. 8, 2008. She enjoys spending time with her family, especially her three-year-old great-grandson.

Mary Emily King Kneidler, N'36, is living at Deerfield Retirement Community in Asheville, N.C. She is 94 years old.

1940s

Jean McCorkell Plews, BSN'42, has not worked in nursing since 1946 but remains grateful for her Duke training as she raised her children and worked on community-based programs. She keeps active with gardening, volunteering at her church, and keeping up with her family. At age 86 she says she is happy to be healthy and able to live independently. She has four married children and 16 grandchildren and lives in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Ruth S. Emlet, BSN'44, lives in a retirement home in Charlottesville, Va.

She has four children: Tricia E. Holdren teaches yoga; **Richard B. Emlet, PhD, T'77**, is a professor of marine zoology at the University of Oregon; John is a pilot for American Transport International; and Sally is an LPN.

Anna Hinton Fetter, BSN'44, lives at the Forest at Duke, a retirement community in Durham. Her husband **Bernard, MD'44, HS'45, '51-'53**, died in 2002. She has two children, Richard and Mary, and two grandchildren.

Mary Frances O'Briant Flynn, N'44, retired, lives in Bluefield, W.Va. She enjoys playing bridge and reading. Her husband, **Charles S. Flynn, T'43, MD'45, HS'56-'60**, died in 1995. She has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Esther Brevoort Rudo, N'46, lives in Washington, Pa., and enjoys participating in family activities, reading, and playing duplicate bridge. She has three children and five grandchildren.

Flora Kurz Ayala, BSN'47, has moved to a new retirement community in Loganville, Ga. She has been retired for 20 years and volunteers with her hospital auxiliary, church, and neighborhood association. She loves visiting her out-of-town family. She has four children—Julia, Lora, Mike, and R.J.—and six grandchildren. She was especially honored to be inducted into Duke University's Beta



Libby Shares Vivid Memories of WWII

In October 1942, fresh out of the Duke University School of Nursing, Lucy Slade Libby, BSN'42, heeded the impassioned pleas of The American Red Cross and enlisted with the United States Army Nurse Corps.

The 22-year-old had grown up on a modest tobacco farm in tiny Blanch, North Carolina. Two weeks after enlisting she was a commissioned second lieutenant and ultimately destined for the heavily bombed western Pacific island of Saipan.

"My first impression of the island was the stench, and I recognized it as dead bodies because there was no time to bury them," she says. It remains a profound memory to the now 87-year-old who lives in Annapolis, Maryland.

Libby relates this and other poignant WWII memories today in her role as informal educator and historian to schools and church, women's, and civic groups who ask her to speak. With her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren dispersed across the country, requests have come from as far away as San Francisco.

"Most of the people to whom I speak have very little knowledge about World War II," she says. "I'm pleased by the fact that I'm doing a little bit of education."

Libby talks of her military adventures with a sharp mind and a seemingly inexhaustible memory. They took her to the 176th Station Hospital in Saipan via military camps in North Carolina, Florida, Seattle, and Hawaii.

Former Duke medical and nursing students are pictured during a 1945 gathering on the island of Saipan, where **Lucy Slade (Libby) RN, BSN'42**, and **Dorothy Sheldon RN, BSN'42** were stationed during World War II. The others were doing a stop-over on the island. They are, from left: **Sheldon; Libby; Cabell Young, Jr., MD'43; Marion Meeks, RN, BSN'43; Kenneth D. Weeks, MD'39; Jean McCorkell, RN, BSN'43; and Isabelle Whipple, RN'42.**



UPCLOSE

When the chief nurse in Hawaii told Libby's 28-nurse unit they would be shipping out to an undeveloped, extremely dangerous area, 10 of the nurses chose to stay in Hawaii until a stable hospital could be built.

Not Libby. She embraced her duty to her country.

"I was there to take care of wounded soldiers and not there to have fun," she says.

The island of Saipan—located roughly 1,500 miles east of the Philippines and 1,500 miles south of Japan—was fiercely garrisoned by the Japanese and proved as dangerous as the chief nurse had predicted. Libby tells of her merchant ship being forced to remain well offshore for three weeks until the worst of The Battle of Saipan was over and the island was secured.

Her unit was assigned to tents with wooden floors and screening, and nurses bathed using their helmets as basins. She remembers being terrified of Japanese snipers who roamed the hills around the makeshift temporary hospital.

"At night we would hear pop, pop, pop all around us. They were shooting at anything moving, including nurses, so we had guards escort us to the latrine," she says.

Libby spent 16 months in Saipan, treating a nearly endless parade of wounded soldiers—most as young as 17 and 18, and enduring mud-soaked monsoon seasons. A sad memory is the Korean civilians she treated who had been Japanese slaves in the sugar cane fields and had fled to caves to escape the war.

"These poor people were emaciated beyond belief," Libby says. "It was just awful seeing them dying of malnutrition."

Penicillin was first used on a wide scale during WWII and Libby was among the first era of nurses to inject it.

"It was very thick and we used a very big needle injected into the buttocks," she says, adding wryly, "which was not very well received at the other end. But it saved many, many lives."

Libby does have pleasant memories of her time in Saipan. After being there for two months she and her unit were sent to a newly built and more secure hospital and barracks.

"Three soldiers were standing in front of my barracks giggling," she says. "One of them helped me down from the truck and kissed me. They were three of my former high school classmates! They built furniture for me, and I was the only nurse with a wardrobe and a dressing table."

And there were United Service Organization shows and dances and picnics of canned tuna and crackers on the beach with friends. "We certainly had a little social life," she says, recalling a particular USO show with Hollywood actress/singer Betty Hutton, who asked to use Libby's wall mirror. "After that it was back to serious business," Libby says.

Her most chilling moment was when a Japanese soldier approached her and her friends as they picnicked on a moonlit beach. When he saw the picnickers he ran away and Libby and her friends hurried back to their station. "It was the most frightening time I can remember in my whole life," Libby

says. "But I'm not sure who was more frightened, him or us."

She has an especially clear memory of August 6, 1945—the day the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. "We heard bells ringing and horns blowing and we knew what had happened. There was pandemonium on the island. It was wonderful because we knew the war was over or would be soon."

After the war Libby took a four-month assignment as chief assistant nurse at the 2,000-bed 204th General Hospital in Guam. She then came home during a trip that she says was storybook wonderful.

"I was the ranking female nurse, so I was assigned to the admiral's suite because the admiral was not on board. It was luxury. And the food, my goodness, the Navy took care of their people."

While working at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., she rekindled a romance with Edwin Libby, whom she had met at Camp Davis in Wilmington, North Carolina.

"I never expected to see him again (after Camp Davis)," she says. "We met in Washington for a weekend, and the rest is history."

Libby resigned her Army commission and from nursing in 1946 because she wanted to raise a family. The couple married in 1947. Edwin worked as an electrical engineer for General Electric in Pennsylvania, and the family moved to Annapolis in 1968 when he transferred to the Department of Navy. He died in 1992.

Libby has three children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

—JIM ROGALSKI

Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing in 2007.

Mary Ellen Bowden, N'47, lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She has one nephew who is an endodontist in Fort Myers, Fla. Though she doesn't have a lot of family, she says she has "lots of good friends that make my world happy!"

Deborah Dawson, N'47, retired in 1998 at age 72 after a satisfying career in geriatrics. She enjoys volunteering at her local hospital helping to discharge patients, and also volunteers in her local Smart Start pre-school program. She has four children—Sharon, Rusty, Amy, and Mark—and lives in Wilmington, N.C.

Anna Belle Compton Lane, N'47, is retired and devotes much of her time to volunteer work. She volunteers with CrossLink International, an organization that collects and distributes medical supplies and equipment in the United States and all over the world. The organization distributes more than \$2 million worth of supplies each year. Lane also is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Arlington Historical Society. She lives in Alexandria, Va., and has two children and five grandchildren.

Sarah Pritchett Meyer, BSN'47, lives in Houston,

Texas, and enjoys reading, weaving, making bread and biscotti, and playing bridge. In 2007 she was inducted into Duke University's Beta Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing. She has one sister and six nieces.

Elizabeth Champion Mundie, N'47, of Evanston, Ill., spent the past few years caring for her husband **Don, T'45, MD'47, HS'48-'49, '51**, until his death on Oct. 16, 2007. He had not been well since contracting West Nile virus in 2002. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. Elizabeth's hobbies include gardening, babysitting grandchildren, reading, and doing crossword puzzles. She has seven children—Donna, Greg, Cathy, Benjamin, Patricia, Jennifer, and Ian—and 20 grandchildren.

Edith Smith, BSN'47, is 84 and lives in Louisville, Ky. She had cataract surgery in 2004 and takes cancer medication but says she is doing well. She enjoys staying in contact with other members of Santa Filomena, the School of Nursing's original honor society.

Wanda White Spears, N'47, says she has never been employed but has chosen to remain at home to raise her four children—**Harold C. Spears, T'76, L'79**; David, Joani, and Margaret. She did, however, earn

induction into Duke University's Beta Epsilon Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in 2007. She enjoys gardening, golf, bridge, church work, and volunteering for the Red Cross. Her husband **Harold D. Spears, L'47**, is still working in law at age 88. They live in Ironton, Ohio.

Enid Troxler Dula, N'48, is retired and spends her time volunteering with her church, local hospital, and Meals on Wheels. She has one son, Charles, and one grandson, Jason. She lives in Winston-Salem, N.C.

1950s

Jane Smith, N'51, is 77 and works three days a week as a nurse manager with Matthews Family Home Care Services in Goldston, N.C. She writes, "I have tried to retire three times, but it just wasn't for me!" Outside of work she enjoys reading, biking, and swimming. She lives in Pittsboro, N.C.

Jean Muldrow Swensen, N'51, lost her husband **James, F'52**, in August 2007. Her hobbies include gardening, playing bridge two times a week, and volunteering at a Christian retirement village. She lives in Dowling Park, Fla., and has three children. Daughter Carol S. Leto, a physical education teacher in New Jersey, has two children. Their son James, who

lives in Valdese, N.C., with his two children, works for Baker Furniture. Their other daughter Janette S. Schenck, a teacher's aide, has two children.

Dee Fish Gatland, N'52, of Atlanta, Ga., volunteers with a first grade class at a local school. She says her duties have grown over the years, and she now works mostly with children whose parents don't speak or read English. Outside of her volunteer work, she enjoys swimming and doing needlepoint. She and her husband Ian, a retired professor, have four children. Raymond is a vice president with Wachovia and is married with two children. Robert, an industrial engineer consultant, is also married with two children. Cheri Lynne is a project manager in information security and has two sons. Mark is an assistant manager at Babies R Us and has one son.

Kathryn McCullough Montgomery, N'52, is retired but volunteers with the Good Samaritan Center in Jasper, Ga., where she lives. She also enjoys rug hooking, water aerobics, and swimming. Her daughter, Mary, lives in Alpharetta, Ga., with her husband and children. Her daughter, Christie, lives in Houston, Texas, with her husband. Her son, Peter, lives in Gainesville, Fla.

Ann Hooker Cherny, N'53, is retired but devotes

The Perils of Being a Teenage Nurse



Jean Bundy Scott, N'47, has written a book about making "one big blunder after another" as a Duke University nursing student in the 1940s. Below is an excerpt from her book. Jean hopes to hear from her classmates and members of other Duke nursing classes. Her e-mail address is jebscott@radford.edu, and her address is 1504 Holly Hill Place, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

Despite all the blunders of her youth, Jean had a long and successful career as a psychiatric nurse. She lost her husband, **Dr. Frank A. Scott, T'48, G'49**, in November 2007. Jean has three grown children and six grandchildren.

Excerpt from *Because I'm So Well Adjusted* by Jean Bundy Scott

"I'll bet I'm the only nurse in this whole world who entered nursing school because she wanted to live in a dormitory!... None of this deep desire to help other people. At 18, all I was interested in was having fun. But I had this small problem. My parents were practical... We lived just two blocks from campus, and they expected me to live at home and attend college as a day student... I soon learned that the nursing students at Duke had to reside in the dormitories. My father had always said that you can do anything you want to do, as long as you're willing to work at it. So, why not work at being a nurse?"

"Those first few days [of nursing school] consisted of meeting the other students, finding classrooms, and trying not to get lost wandering around the winding halls of Duke Hospital. We were fitted with our student uniforms—a blue chambray dress and white apron. I looked like a long-legged skinny maid! It would be some time before I outwardly resembled a nurse, with a bib

attached to the apron and a cap on my head. And if I didn't improve in the nursing arts class (it took me 45 minutes to make up a bed that met the instructor's strict specifications) I would be kicked out before I even got a taste of dormitory life!

"My first day on actual duty was on the male public ward. This consisted of a very large room, containing approximately 30 beds separated by curtains... I pranced out on the ward, establishing an extremely efficient, intelligent look on my face, as if I was capable of handling any problem that might come my way. Little did I know that some of these male patients had been there for weeks, had seen new student nurses come and go, and knew more about the hospital than I would know for weeks to come.

"I was told by the instructor to help a new patient unpack his suitcase. The new patient was a little old man of about 70, with a handlebar mustache and twinkling blue eyes. I placed his clothes in the drawer of his bedside table, and then I saw what I thought to be a gun in a holster in the bottom of his suitcase.

"'Mister,' I announced in my most efficient voice, 'I will have to take this and lock it up. You may have it when you're discharged.'

"'But, little lady, I need this right here with me.'

"'No sir. You are not allowed to keep this. I will lock it in a safe place,' I announced as firmly as I could.

"I should have realized that something was wrong, because I noted 30 pairs of eyes on me and my little old patient. The whole ward was as quiet as a cemetery.

"The old gentleman pleaded once more, and then muttered, 'This sure is a crazy place.'

"I reached into the suitcase, picked up the 'gun and holster' and as I did so it unraveled, and I found myself holding in mid-air, in front of thirty laughing men, a TRUSS, brown and stiff with age!"

much of her time to traveling, raising orchids, and participating in church activities. She lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. Her son, a pediatric neurosurgeon in Boise, Idaho, has four children. Her daughter, a dietician in Silver Springs, Md., has two sons.

Margaret Lightsey MacMillan Payne, BSN'56, has had two hip surgeries since her husband died in June 2006 and is still recovering.

She also is in the process of moving from a five-bedroom house into a two-bedroom apartment. She has a son, a daughter, three stepsons, and 12 grandchildren. She lives in West Columbia, S.C.

Gayla Griggs Stone, BSN'56, of Arvada, Colo., is a professional registered parliamentarian serving clients on local, state, and national levels. Currently her only nursing activity involves serving

as a member of a few medical-related associations. Outside of work she enjoys reading, traveling, visiting friends and family in North Carolina, and participating in her grandchildren's activities.

She and husband Lee have been married for 48 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Sarah "Sally" Whiteside Flanagan, BSN'58, says she is a very active grandmother and besides

spending lots of time with her family, stays busy volunteering at her church, where she is a member and chair of a quilting group. To date they have made 77 quilts for babies and troubled youth.



Forty-nine of them have gone to an orphanage in Romania. She and her husband **William, MD'53**, have four children—**William, Jr., MD'85; Brian, MD'89, HS'90-'93**, Barbara, and Clare. She lives in Lakeland, Fla.

◀ **Sally Flanagan, BSN'58**, left, and fellow churchmate Joan Geru pose with a stack of quilts they helped to make and send to an orphanage in Romania.

Kay Mitchell Randolph, BSN'58, is a volunteer with the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic in Kilmar-nock, Va. In 2004 she retired from Duke as the director of development for the Sarah P. Duke Gardens. She lives in Deltaville, Va.

Rebecca Froneberger Collins, BSN'59, MSN, PhD, is retired from the faculty at Clemson University School of Nursing and works part time for Hospice of Carolina Foot-hills. Her volunteer work includes being active on multiple boards and committees. She is on the board of directors of Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry in Columbus, N.C., which focuses on helping people out of crisis situations and into self-sufficiency. She coordinated efforts to bring dental services to under-served children. She also is on the board of directors of St. Luke's Hospital and is involved in grant writing and fundraising. She has four sons and seven grandchildren and lives in Tryon, N.C.

Judith Anthony Grybowski, BSN'59, PhD, a retired professor of nursing emerita, spends much of her time volunteering, including serving on the boards of directors for two organizations. She also enjoys playing golf and traveling. She lives in St. Thomas, V.I., and has two sons, three grandsons, and two daughters-in-law.

Rosalie Weatherford LeFontaine, BSN'59, of South Boston, Va., is an adjunct professor at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center at South-side Virginia Community College. She teaches health-related classes to prospec-tive nurses and social workers. She also serves on the Southside District Medi-cal Reserve Corps, which is a group of volunteers who are prepared to go into action during a terrorism or bioterrorism attack. Out-side of her work, LeFon-taine enjoys caring for her 30 farm animals, serving as secretary of the local civic club, and participating in activities with the ladies group at her church. Her husband died in 2003. Her 15 stepchildren, step-grand-children, and step-great-grandchildren live in New York, London, Jerusalem, and the Persian Gulf.

1960s

Peggy Borchardt Bol-lenbach, BSN'60, a retired parish nurse, lives in Alderson, W.Va., with her husband Bill. She enjoys working on their cow farm, gardening, and learning to paint rocks. Together she and Bill have 10 children and 17 grandchildren.

Betty Shore Shackelford, BSN'61, a retired school nurse, has been appointed to the Stokes County Board of Health. She lives in King, N.C. In her spare time, she enjoys read-

ing and "digging in the dirt." Her daughter Amy S. Prince lives in Virginia Beach with her husband and three children. Her son Richard lives in Rural Hall, N.C., with his wife and two children.

Elizabeth Booe Willingham, BSN'61, retired, is starting an art program with her church for underprivileged, at-risk children to encourage self esteem and discourage gang activity. In her free time she also enjoys working with a community program called Barnabus Connection, water color painting, attending Bible study, and spending time with family and friends. She and her husband of 48 years **James, D'63**, live in Salisbury, N.C. Their daughter, a summa cum laude graduate of N.C. State University, received her graduate degree from Wake Forest University. Their son is also an honors graduate.

Cynthia Kreider Bowyer, BSN'63, says she is mostly retired but does some per diem work as an occupa-tional nurse practitioner. She enjoys traveling and volunteering in her free time. She and her hus-band **Albert, E'62**, live in Montville, N.J., and have two sons and four grand-children.

Carolyn Cain Hart, BSN'63, was involved in clinical research for 15 years in Missouri before moving back to North Carolina two years ago.

Now she is an administra-tor with the Institutional Review Board of the Caro-linas Health Care System in Charlotte, where she lives. She has two sons, **Jeffrey, L'97**, and Michael, and three grandchildren.

Linda Bishop Hoyle, BSN'63, is retired and enjoying her time singing in her church choir, garden-ing, and reading. She says she has three beautiful granddaughters, ages 5, 4, and 2, and lives in Rocky Mount, N.C.

Evelyn Havens Turner, BSN'63, was the office/ business manager for her husband's internal medicine practice until his retirement in late 2007. She retired from nurse midwife-ry in June 2003. She enjoys visiting museums, going to the theater, reading, and spending time with family. She and her husband **Jim, T'60, MD'64, HS'69-'70**, live in Oakton, Va. Their son Glenn is married with two children and two step-children. Their daughter Heather is married with two children.

Hope D. Westerfield, BSN'63, of Charlotte, N.C., retired as a health sciences teacher with the Charlotte Mecklenburg School system in 2007. She enjoys refinishing furni-ture and says she recently remodeled the master bath-room in her house. She also spends her time babysitting her granddaughter while her youngest daughter works as a dental hygienist

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in Charlotte. Her son lives in Ashburn, Va., where he owns a computer software support business. Her other daughter also lives in Charlotte and is a family law attorney.

Marilyn Howe Rhodes, BSN'64, retired from nursing in June after a 43-year career. She spent the first 17 years working at various medical centers in North Carolina and Boston and the last 26 years at City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center in Duarte, Calif. So far she says the best part of retirement is having the time to “slow down and evaluate who I have become, and what else I would like to do before I may have some limitations.” She enjoys reading, writing, watching movies, traveling, and spending time with her children and six grandchildren. Her first great-grandchild was born on Labor Day 2007. She lives in Claremont, Calif.

Robin Shumway Gunning, BSN'65, serves as a consultant to Rainbow Babies and Children Pediatric Ethics Committee at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio. She is also a consultant to the Cleveland Clinic Children's Rehab Hospital Ethics Committee and teaches bioethics to social workers. Outside of work she enjoys gardening, reading, and swimming. She and her husband David live in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and recently celebrated 42

Each year for the past five years **Gladys McManaway Poindexter, N'48**, has spent two weeks in Central America in a white two-story building overlooking the Caribbean Sea. But the building isn't a vacation home, and she doesn't go there to rest. Instead she goes to work alongside members of her church who are helping people in desperate need of medical care in Limón, Honduras.

Poindexter was first presented with the opportunity to go on a mission trip after the death of her 34-year-old son in 1988. Though devastated by her loss, she didn't hesitate to say yes to a mission to Jamaica with her church's youth group. “I felt God had planned that trip for me,” she says.

Since then Poindexter has traveled to Puerto Rico, Bolivia, and Lithuania, in addition to Honduras. Only one mission trip—to eastern North Carolina after a hurricane—kept her close to her Winston-Salem home.

The trip to Honduras in March 2007 marked the 18th mission for the 81-year-old retired nursing instructor. She and two other nurses, four doctors, a dentist, a physician assistant, and six non-medical volunteers took \$18,000 worth of supplies to Limón. Built by a South Carolina physician who works closely with a number of Methodist churches, the clinic has five exam rooms, a lab, and a pharmacy.

The ocean view behind the clinic is picturesque, but the view from the front is not. By 8:00 each morning about 150 people are lined up outside looking for help with malnutrition, intestinal parasites, abscessed teeth, malaria, and a host of other conditions and illnesses. Some have traveled by foot or on donkeys from their small thatched-roof homes. Poindexter says once an 11-year-old boy carried his injured five-year-old brother in his arms for two miles to the clinic.

Some patients have never seen a doctor before. Though she has to speak to the patients through an interpreter, Poindexter says she finds nonverbal ways to communicate and put them at ease. “I'm a hugger,” she says.



“Touch is important to me because it's effective. You can feel (the patients) relax underneath your touch.”

Nerves aside, Poindexter says she is amazed at how tolerant the patients are, especially when having their teeth pulled. “I have never heard anybody cry, scream, or yell. They are so used to having a hard life.”

Most of the patients' conditions are fairly easy to address, but because there is no hospital nearby, on occasion an acute patient will need to stay overnight. Poindexter recalls seeing a patient who came to the clinic because she was having a miscarriage. “She would have died had we not been there,” she says.

After several visits to Limón, Poindexter and her fellow church members have a new goal—to establish continuity of care. During an earlier trip the team began keeping charts for each patient. “That was real progress,” she says.

The church sends several teams to Limón each year, and Poindexter has no plans to stop signing up. This year's trip to Limón is yet to be confirmed, but once it is scheduled she'll be on board. She says, “There are not a lot of times in your life (when) you're completely sure you're doing what God wants you to do.” Poindexter has three surviving children and four grandchildren.

—BERNADETTE GILLIS

years of marriage. They have three children, David, Beth, and Paul, and seven grandchildren.

Elaine Turner Deppe, BSN'66, is a private duty home care nurse and works one 12-hour shift per week for a regional agency called Bayada Nurses. She is very active with volunteer work for the Transylvania County Board of Health; the American Red Cross; and a free health clinic. She says she “is solo in this life now” as she was widowed two years ago and has no children. She lives in the “supportive, active community” of Brevard, N.C.

Sandra Smith Averitt, BSN'67, is a perinatal/pediatric nursing consultant currently consulting for All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., where she lives. She recently conducted a curriculum retreat for baccalaureate faculty at the University of South Florida. She and her husband **Dick, T'67**, have three children. Their daughter Dawn was recognized at the International Women's Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, by the World YWCA as one of 13 women leading change for her efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Their son Richard is CEO of the organization InAPerfect-World.org which markets items from third world countries for fundraising in schools. Their son Scott works for Merrill Lynch.

Judy Anne Twomey Rogers, BSN'67, is a certified clinical research coordinator in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Diabetes at the University of Utah. In her free time she enjoys reading, hiking, and skiing in the Rocky Mountains; exploring the red rock and canyon country of the Southwest; and watching Duke basketball games on TV and with the Salt Lake City alumni group. She also enjoys babysitting her three-year-old grandson and one-year-old granddaughter. She lives in Park City, Utah, and has three married sons. David is the president and founder of Artisent, Inc., an industrial design firm in Boston. Stephen is a computer design specialist in Arlington, Va. Michael, a musician and teacher, lives in Park City with his wife and two children.

Barbara Reed Hawkins, BSN'68, of Houston, Texas, has been listed in various Who's Who publications—*Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare*, *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who in the World*, and *Who's Who in America*—since 2004. A mental health nurse, she currently volunteers in counseling and crisis intervention. Outside of her volunteer work, she enjoys shell collecting, gourmet cooking, gardening, and interior decorating. Her son David is a computer scientist living

Quest for a Cure is a Family Affair for Lanning

Learning your child has a disease that will eventually destroy her kidneys and require her to spend a lifetime on dialysis is hard enough. Add to that a disease so rare that no research is being done to find new treatments or a cure, and many parents would give up.

Not Lynne Lanning, BSN'77, JD.

Faced with one of their six-year-old twin's diagnosis of dense deposit disease (DDD), Lanning and her husband Richard Smith founded Kidneeds, a research foundation dedicated to DDD, also known as MPGN (membrane proliferation glomerulonephritis) II. In 1992 Lanning and Smith learned their daughter Jenna would likely experience complete renal failure in 10 years. Instead her kidneys shut down just one year later. Then seven, Jenna's only hope was debilitating dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Because the disease affects a small segment of the population (1 to 2 children in 1 million), federal funds for DDD research were nonexistent, and scientists had little incentive to study the disease. After a few years of unsuccessfully searching for specialists with a research interest in DDD, Lanning and Smith decided the only way to

in Dickenson, Texas. Her daughter Heidi works in security for the Port of Houston. Her son Brian recently became engaged. Her son Russell a junior at the University of Texas at Austin, is a finance major in the McCombs School of Business. She says Russell also works at the state capitol as a legislative aide and is looking forward to a three-month internship at the State Department in Washington, D.C., in the spring.

Patricia Kohms Ketcham, BSN'68, has taken early retirement due to a disability suffered from an auto accident. She lives in Pahoehoe, Hawaii, and enjoys the natural wonders of the island. She also enjoys needlepoint, exploring computer communications, and travel. Her husband of 28 years, Eric, died in 2004. She has a son and daughter and three grandchildren.

stimulate change would be to set up a foundation to award grants to scientists willing to tackle DDD.

Today Kidneeds has raised more than \$1 million, and of that amount \$760,000 has been awarded to scientists around the globe. The foundation relies only on volunteers so that 100 percent of every donation goes to research.

Setting up the foundation was just the beginning. With the help of another family Lanning and Smith organized Kidneeds' first scientific conference in 2004. Smith, an otolaryngologist and human geneticist at the University of Iowa, rallied together an international group of 25 renal pathologists, internists, and other experts. "When (the researchers) shared their insights, they began to see patterns emerging and felt (DDD) was something that could be treated," says Lanning.

Since that first conference Kidneeds has supported a DDD/MPGN II Collaboratory, a virtual center that connects DDD scientists from around the world. Kidneeds also held a conference in 2006 and plans are under way for another in August 2008.

Lanning, who says she never met any other DDD families until four years after Jenna's diagnosis, has organized annual conferences for patients and

their families. And Jenna, now 22, personally reaches out to children across the country with DDD.

Though Jenna received a kidney from her father in 2000, the disease recurred, and she lost the kidney in 2002. Now a junior at the University of Iowa, she is on dialysis six days a week, allowing her to live a more normal life, Lanning says.



Since age 12 Jenna and her twin sister Jessica have raised tens of thousands of dollars for Kidneeds by making and selling jewelry and greeting cards. An active member of her community, Jenna has received several honors. In 2004 she received the Spirit Award from the American Association of Kidney Patients, and in 2007 Davita, a national dialysis company, named her its "Kidney Idol," which means she'll have a chance to go on a special dialysis cruise to Alaska.

Lanning says Jenna's determination is the main source of motivation for her and Smith. "Jenna is just the kind of kid who never wants to give up," Lanning says. "She's a complete fighter."

For the past four years researchers at the University of Iowa's College of Nursing and Lanning (who will become an adjunct faculty member this year) have been collecting data for an MPGN database. A few months ago they published some of these data. Recently Smith received the first National Institutes of Health grant awarded for the study of DDD. Scientists in his laboratory are testing two new drugs in animals as possible treatments for DDD. They hope to find an effective treatment within the next three years.

All of Lanning and Smith's four children have attended the University of Iowa. Rion graduated in December, Jenna and Jessica are currently juniors, and Luke is a sophomore. Lanning says it was no coincidence they all decided to attend the same school.

"Any disease that's life threatening becomes a family disease," she says. "We've become a team."

To learn more about Kidneeds, visit www.medicine.uiowa.edu/kidneeds.

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Judie Dalson Ritter, BSN'68, retired after 23 years as executive director of the Florida State Board of Nursing. She spends most of her time doing volunteer work and is a member of the 100 Great Nurses of North Florida, a scholarship organization. She lives on a horse farm in Ponte Vedra, Fla., where she enjoys riding and showing hunter-jumpers. She also enjoys traveling and doing yoga. She has four step-grand-

children with her husband Lou, a retired governmental relations consultant.

Linda Murphy Sneed, BSN'68, is a school nurse for three Portland, Oreg., elementary schools. She works with multi ethnic populations and is responsible for health and social services in each school. This is her 12th consecutive year of service in Portland. She also serves on several committees for the Multno-

mah Education Service District. Outside of work she enjoys camping, gardening, and hiking. She and her husband John, director of distance education at Portland Community College, live in Wilsonville, Oreg., and have three children. Claire is a junior conflict management specialist for the U.S. State Department. Shannon is a communications director with Nike Global Retail. Scott is a sophomore at the Univer-

sity of Oregon majoring in environmental sciences.

Elizabeth Van Nest Braun, BSN'69, is a school nurse at Rancocas Valley Regional High School in Mt. Holly, N.J., where she cares for more than 2,300 students. Outside of work she enjoys gardening, volunteering at her church, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her husband Jack teaches

physics and electronics at Burlington County College. Their son Paul is a professor of material science engineering at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and is married with one son. Their son Peter is co-owner of a dairy farm in upstate New York, and he and his wife are expecting their fifth child soon. Their daughter **Betsy, T'97**, a physical therapist, is married with three sons.

Lucy Hendrick Kernodle, BSN'69, lives in Graham, N.C., where she is a lead nurse for the Alamance-Burlington School System. Outside of work she enjoys traveling and sailing with her husband **Harold B. Kernodle, Jr., MD'69**. They have two daughters: **Carey Kernodle Anders, MD, HS-current**, a third-year hematology-oncology fellow at Duke; and Katherine Bannon, an account manager with TEK Systems in Boston.

Sheila Roe Weissenberger, BSN'69, MPH, is a clinical specialist in adult psychiatry/mental health at Veteran's Affairs Medical Center Community Clinic in Stephens City, Va. She has been married for eight years to John Weissenberger, who makes finely crafted Windsor chairs. She has two daughters, two step-daughters, and one step-son. She plays the clarinet in two community bands as well as playing piano in a big band. She is learning to play the mountain dulcimer and enjoys swimming and skiing. She lives in Winchester, Va.

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Joy Forsythe Reed, BSN'70, is head of the local Technical Assistance and Training Board as well as the Public Health Nursing and Professional Development Unit of the North

Carolina Division of Public Health. She co-authored an article titled "The N.C. Accreditation Learning Collaborative" in the July-August 2007 issue of the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. She recently chaired the American Nurses Association committee to revise the textbook *Public Health Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice*. She lives in Raleigh.



⤴ **Harriet Gruberg Rellis, BSN'70**, has been retired since 2004. She volunteers once a month at an adult health clinic and is vice president of the Buck's County Intermediate Unit Education Foundation in Buck's County, Pa. She helps to raise funds to provide grants to teachers for items not covered in their school budgets. She also is taking bridge lessons and playing duplicate bridge in tournaments. She and her husband Steven live in Warminster, Pa.

Diane Walker, BSN'70, MS, was awarded the John Dystel Nursing Fellowship by the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society. The fellowship program pro-

vides nurses the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to provide the highest quality of specialized MS nursing care. During the fellowship Walker plans to focus on understanding the role depression plays in MS. She currently is a general manager for Griswold Special Care, a non-medical home care company in Erdenheim, Pa.

Barbara Taylor Hill, BSN'71, an assistant professor of nursing at the Community College of Baltimore County, Md., has earned her certification as a nurse educator by the National League for Nursing. She plays cello with the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra and is a camp nurse at Word of Life in Schroon Lake, N.Y. Her husband **William, D'72**, works for Lockheed Martin as a computer systems analyst. They have two children, Kimberly and Benjamin, and live in Havre de Grace, Md.

Kathy Zinsmeister Price, BSN'72, MSN, of New Rochelle, N.Y., had plans to join a study tour to Reggio Emilia, Italy, in fall 2007 to study the role of "pedigogista" in a Reggio-inspired American nursery school. She currently works as a studio teacher, curriculum coordinator, and administrator at Rye Presbyterian Nursery School in Rye, N.Y. She previously worked as admissions director for the

Ethical Culture Fieldston School in Manhattan. Outside of work, she enjoys running, reading, traveling, and spending time at the family lake house in New Hampshire. Her husband Tom is a consultant, engineer, and lawyer with the United Negro College Fund. Their sons both live in Manhattan. Jason is an auctioneer of antique stringed instruments, and Conner is an investment banker with JP Morgan. Their daughter **Addie, T'09**, a junior at Duke, spent the summer in Kenya with the Duke Engage program.

Marty Earhart Coleman, BSN'73, and her husband Ross completed a five-month hike of the Appalachian Trail in 2007. She says they quit their jobs and hit the trail in Springer Mountain, Ga., on March 3 and reached Katahdin, Maine, on Aug. 6. They have since returned to their old jobs. She works as a family nurse practitioner in Bolton, Mass. Ross also works in health care. They live in Southborough, Mass., and have two daughters and five grandchildren. Their son, who is in the Coast Guard, is stationed in Alaska.

Susan M. Demack Pickel, BSN'73, retired in June after a 34-year nursing career. Her last position was as a clinical nurse specialist for two progressive cardiac care units at Broward General Medical Center. She now

Spring is Lambing Season for Nicodemus Family

As you read this **Ellen S. Nicodemus, BSN'80**, could be up to her metaphorical ears delivering an onslaught of babies. She's likely on call 24/7 and setting the alarm clock for every couple of hours during the night so she can check on and treat mothers and newborns who might be in trouble. That can mean repositioning a fetus in utero at 2:00 in the morning, inserting a feeding tube into a newborn at 4:00, then heading to her real job as a pediatric nurse at Frederick Memorial Hospital in Frederick, Maryland, at 7:00.

In the Nicodemus household, mid-to late March is lambing season, and the upshot in this exhaustive scenario is that the Nicodemus clan was primed, prepped, and prepared for the barrage of babies. "It's an intense two weeks," she says. "But we breed so we can predict it and make a marathon of it."

Sheep farming is a side business for the family of five. It generates income through the sale of wool and the selling of lambs for butchering when they are nine months old.

"We always protected the kids (when they were young) from that aspect," she says of sending lambs to the meat market.

"We care for them and raise them to be healthy, but this is their purpose."

The family's sheep farming adventures began just over 10 years ago when Nicodemus's daughter Anna was an eight-year-old member of 4-H and helped to show sheep at the county fair. The family flock once numbered 25 but is now down to a more manageable eight as kids grew and went off to college.

Her husband, **John, T'78**, and their high school-aged son Tim now round out the lambing season team. Anna, now a Wake Forest sophomore, and the Nicodemus's oldest daughter Emily, a recent Wake Forest grad, come back to help when they can.



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"It's wonderful to invite (patients' families) to come in spring to see the lambs," Ellen says. "It's such a good opportunity for education about the importance of wellness."

That educational interaction with pre-school and elementary-aged children helped inspire Anna to major in education at Wake. It also kindled a desire to learn to spin wool and to knit.

John is a middle school math teacher who likes to share his sheep farming adventures with his classes and work farming-related math puzzles into his teaching. He suffers from young-onset Parkinson's disease, and Ellen says he enjoys the twice daily exercise of feeding the flock, carrying buckets of water, and moving sheep to different areas of the 60-acre farm they rent from extended family.

Emily was always drawn to the medical side of sheep farming and is now a hemodialysis technician. She's also a fitness buff and when growing up especially liked the physical aspect of sheep farming. "She was always the first to volunteer to shovel out the barn and unload a stack of hay," Ellen says. Ellen, too, has benefited personally from tending the flock. She left nursing when Anna was born, and when she decided to go back to nursing felt daunted by the requirements needed to get recertified. Her years of playing the role of veterinarian and primary health care

provider to her woolly charges gave her the confidence she needed.

"It was intimidating for me to go back," she says. "But there is so much in common (between sheep farming and nursing)—from feeding to giving medical treatments—that I felt I still had the skills. It's different, of course, but it made me feel as if I wasn't completely out of the flow."

For sure, her expertise at docking the tails of day-old lambs, applying identification tags to lambs' ears, squeezing out waxy plugs from ewes' teats, and shearing ewes' hind ends for cleaner deliveries aren't perfectly duplicated in the pediatric nursing arena. But there certainly are parallels to her giving vaccinations of Clostridium/Tetanus to build up ewes' antibodies, administering antibiotics as needed, and applying iodine to lambs' umbilical cord stumps, monitoring feeding regimens, and having great compassion for her flock.

One thing the Nicodemus clan doesn't do is name their newborns. "It's hard. It really is," she says of saying good-bye to the nine-month-old lambs. But they do have names for their very first two sheep who are too old now to breed but are kept as pets: Easter and Lily. They also named their two rams, Pumpkin and Legalis.

That helps, she says, when children visit and "want to know who the mommy and daddy are."

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holds several part-time jobs, including teaching cardiology to nurses at Broward Community College, where she is an adjunct faculty member. She also designs educational materials for Broward General Medical Center and is learning to prepare legal summaries for a local defense lawyer. Her hobbies include boating (locally and to the Bahamas in the summer), exercising, and cooking. Her husband is retired. They live in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Carol Frank Wynne, BSN'73, of Timonium, Md., is retired but is a “day care grammy” for her 14-month-old granddaughter. She also lectures for the Central Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. In her free time she likes traveling to Europe, learning French, cooking French food, and spending time with her grandchildren. Her youngest daughter is looking forward to starting a third career in nursing.

Roberta Kaplan Schwane, BSN'75, was certified in utilization management in 2007. She currently works part time as an RN case manager at Windham Hospital in Willimantic, Conn. Outside of work she likes to walk four miles four days a week with friends. She also enjoys biking, hiking, cross country skiing, and traveling. She and her husband **Steve, L'75**, an attorney for the Connecticut Department

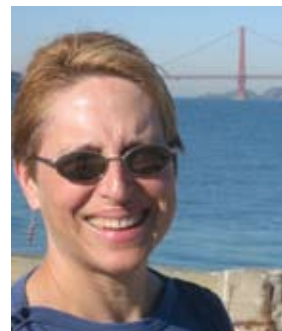
of Consumer Protection, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in Aruba in 2007. They live in Mansfield, Conn., and have two sons. Matthew graduated from Lehigh University in 2005 and works in Hartford, Conn. Jeffrey is a senior at Duke majoring in mechanical engineering.

Sarah Smith Crotty, BSN'76, received certification in 2006 from the International Board of Certified Lactation Consultants. In her free time she facilitates a new mom’s group at her church and likes to read. She and her husband Robert B. Crotty have two children, Robert E. and **Rebecca, T'07**, and live in southwestern Dallas, Texas.

Carolyn Hartman Sutch, BSN'76, has been a full-time hospital registered nurse since graduation. She is a clinical nurse and middle manager in the Emergency Department of Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Md. She also is a certified healing touch practitioner and works part time in the hospital’s wellness center. Her husband **Chris, T'79**, manages a café in a historic inn. They have two daughters, Lily, 21, a senior at Salisbury University majoring in economics and English literature, and Lena, 16, a junior at Annapolis High who is in the International Baccalaureate Organization and Naval Junior ROTC program.

Joan Cassetta Gurvis, BSN'77, recently moved from Greensboro, N.C., to Colorado Springs, Colo., where she is director of the Colorado Springs branch of the Center for Creative Leadership, an organization that provides executive education. Outside of work she enjoys hiking and mountain biking. She has two children: Jessica recently married Jeremy Harris in Charlotte, N.C., and Zach is a senior at Appalachian State University.

Beth Broadwin Belkin, BSN'78, MD'87, has been named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association for 2007. She is a member of the executive board of the New York Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She is writing practice parameters for the treatment of gay and lesbian youth for the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues Committee of the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She also is teaching at Weil Cornell Medical School Department of Psychiatry. She and her husband **Robert, MD, HS'83-'86**, have three children: Daniel, 23, a first-year medical student at Weil Cornell Medical School; Sam, 21, a junior at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University; and Molly, 18, a Duke freshman. The family lives in Scarsdale, N.Y.



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Katie Oppenheim, BSN'78, had a very busy summer: she celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge, drove with two million other people in the Detroit Dream Cruise, and spent a weekend at Oval Beach on the east coast of Lake Michigan. A staff nurse in the birth center at the University of Michigan Health System, she also has spent a lot of time traveling for work. “I love combining professional meetings with a bit of fun,” she writes. She plans to begin working on one of the presidential campaigns this year. She also stays busy knitting and working on her 90-year-old house with her partner, Kendra, and her dog, Baxter. A California native, Oppenheim has lived in Ann Arbor, Mich., since 1990.

Maureen Stabile Beck, BSN'79, MSN, is planning to start her own geriatric consultant company. An adjunct clinical instructor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, she currently is a volunteer consultant for senior services and good neighbor team volunteer groups. She enjoys spending time with

family, taking watercolor and photography classes, running, and riding her bike. She completed the Houston to Austin MS 150 bike ride, which was 167 miles. Her husband **Rich, E'79, B'82**, is a partner in an investment company. Their daughter Katie is a junior at Duke and is studying in Chile for a semester, and daughter Sarah is a high school freshman.

Lee S. Clay, BSN'79, and her husband Gary Brown adopted their fourth child, Brianna Lynn Annaka Brown, on Sept. 11, 2007. Brianna was born Oct. 13, 2003. The family lives in Fair Haven, N.J.

Sheryl Johnson Gmoser, T'78, BSN'79, currently is not working but is enjoying time jogging, playing golf, and doing home remodeling projects. Her husband of 25 years, Dean, is a pediatrician. They have two sons—David, a recent graduate from Southern Methodist University who is working for a public relations firm in Dallas, and Greg, a junior at Vanderbilt University majoring in chemical engineering. The family lives in Sugar Land, Texas.

Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" Whitmore Kelley, BSN'79, GNC'97, works part time as a quality assurance specialist at Rex Healthcare in Raleigh. Her son Whit is a sophomore

at Hampden-Sydney College where he plays varsity lacrosse. Daughter Charlotte is a freshman at Cary Academy. The family lives in Raleigh.

Gail A. Shulby, BSN'79, G'00, has been appointed chief of staff for Acute Care Services of Duke University Health System and Duke University Hospital. In this role she will work on strategic growth plans, clinical department and health system alignment and integration, system-wide operations, and quality agenda. She has worked at Duke for 28 years. She currently serves as director of accreditation and regulatory affairs for the health system and as patient safety officer for Duke Hospital.

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⤴ **Nancy "Nan" Baker Deitrich, BSN'80**, was married to Robert "Bob" Dietrich, PhD, on November 10, 2007. She is a national certified school nurse and is working as a public health nurse II for the

Durham County Health Department. She enjoys hiking, folk dancing, and gardening. She and her husband live in Durham.

Lucille A. Patrone, MSN'80, PMC-current, has returned to the Duke School of Nursing as a student in the Post Master's Clinical Research Management program. After completing a residency at Marinus Pharmaceuticals, a small start-up biotech company, she was offered a permanent position.

She currently is manager of clinical studies and is responsible for two phase IIb global studies in adult epilepsy. She recently returned from India where she evaluated potential clinical research sites and had plans to travel to Brazil in October. She also serves as a consultant for Yale-New Haven Hospital's newly established stroke program. She lives in Guilford, Conn., with her husband

Norman Werdiger, MD, HS'79-'82, who is assistant chief of neurology at Yale-New Haven Hospital and associate clinical professor of neurology at Yale University School of Medicine. Their oldest son **Jesse, T'01**, lives in New York City and works in film production. Their son Noah is taking time off from his studies in international affairs and is working with an independent bookstore.

Mary Noonan Sweet, MD, BSN'80, has been a preceptor for nurse practitioner students at the University of Kansas Medical Center for the past 10 years. Her husband Leighton is an internist, hospitalist, and hospice director at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. Their daughter Mary works part time in emergency medicine and part time with a local plastic surgeon. The Sweets live in Mission Hills, Kans.

Susan H. Fitzgibbon, BSN'81, G'84, is president of Annie Penn Hospital and executive vice president of Moses Cone Health System in Reidsville, N.C. Outside of work she enjoys playing tennis, walking, and doing yard work. She married Brad Shumaker in October 2006 and together they have two children: Hutchins Wheless and Whitley Shumaker.

Kathryn E. Heagerty, BSN'81, is an attorney in Reston, Va. She and her husband Mark have two sons, Mark, 19; and Alex, 15, and live in Fairfax, Va.

Jacqui Hebert Becker, BSN'82, is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys singing in a local choir and volunteering at her children's schools. She and her husband Kurt have two daughters, Katie, 12; and Ellie, 8; and live in Bellevue, Washington.



⤴ **Elaine Ritter Schaffer, BSN'82**, has hopped off the "mommy track" and is now director of Data Integration and Program Evaluation at Blue Cross & Blue Shield in Rochester, N.Y. She recently completed a term as a trustee and corporate secretary for Hillel Community Day School, and currently serves as treasurer for her son's Boy Scout troop. She and her husband Stanley and their children Aviva, 15; Aaron, 13; and Jacob, 9, recently vacationed in several national parks in northern Arizona and southern Utah. They live in Rochester.

Margaret McCuiston Gall, BSN'83, and her husband and three children moved to Kingsport, Tenn., from Illinois three years ago. This fall she was an assistant coach for the Girls On The Run Program—a non-profit after-school program that encourages pre-teen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. Her husband Stan has a cardiovascular surgery practice. Their oldest daughter Kristen is a Duke sophomore major-

ing in physics and also is in the Naval ROTC Program. Their daughter Emily is a high school junior, and daughter Heidi is a high school freshman.

Jean Kistler Tetterton, BSN'83, MSN'95, a nurse practitioner, currently works at Duke as a research coordinator for the clinical trial, CSP #517 Outcomes Following Myocardial Revascularization: On and Off Cardio-pulmonary Bypass. She was married in 2004 and now has a two-year-old daughter. She and her family live in Durham.

Michelle Putter Barnea, BSN'84, an early childhood educational consultant, provides training workshops and technical assistance to early childhood professionals. She is the project coordinator on a grant to help improve infant/toddler programming in New Jersey. Outside of work she is interested in genealogy. She and her husband Mark live in Millburn, N.J., with their two daughters, Jessie, 14; and Alyssa, 13.

Kimberly Lassinger Boros, BSN'84, is still working full-time at the University of Pittsburgh. In November she spoke at the Pennsylvania Nurse Practitioner's meeting on the topic of asthma diagnosis and management. She and her husband Joe have been married 20 years. They have two sons, Joe, 17; and Jack, 14, and live in Saxonburg, Pa.

Ellen Hart Doyle, BSN'84, has been working at home raising her children since 1997 but says she is almost ready to go back to nursing. She previously worked at Duke as a staff nurse and as a clinical nurse specialist in pediatric cardiology. She enjoys volunteering at her children's school, exercising, and watching Duke basketball games. She and **Kevin, MD'91, HS'91-'96**, a partner with Raleigh Ear Nose and Throat, have been married since 1996. They live in Apex, N.C., with their two children, Caroline Margaret and Claire Elisabeth.

Eve Myers Herman, BSN'84, has gone back to work as a school nurse for the Shelton School, a Dallas, Texas, school for children with learning disabilities. In December she and her husband Jonathan celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary. They have two children—David, 13, and Stephanie, 10—and live in Dallas.

Leigh Ann Hallisey Holt, BSN'84, is a homemaker. Outside of her work at home, she is active with her children's school and their church. She is also involved with a fundraiser called Pinstripes, which raises money to help end Lou Gehrig's disease. In 2004 she dedicated the Edwin D. Holt Communications Lab at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte in memory of

her late husband **Ed, E'83**, who died of Lou Gehrig's disease. "He felt his toughest challenge despite being totally paralyzed and dependant on others was communication," she writes. Holt lives in Charlotte and has three children. Her oldest, Christa, is a sophomore and is on the varsity swim team at Duke.



⤴ **Debbie Leary Patellos, BSN'84**, currently works part time as a public health nurse for Barnstable County in Massachusetts. Her

Craven Ministers to Ukraine's Roma People

Diana Craven, ARNP, MSN'00, didn't find her true calling until later in life, first becoming a nurse in her 40s and then pursuing a master's degree in nursing from Duke in her 50s. Does she regret not going into nursing sooner? Not at all, she says. "I think the timing was right."

Last year at 63 she also felt it was the right time to go on her first mission trip. In April she and several members of her New Hampshire church traveled to Uzhgorod, Ukraine, to provide medical care to the Roma or "Gypsy" people, an ethnic group that for centuries has been persecuted and discriminated against in Eastern Europe.

In isolated villages of Uzhgorod, where the primary mode of transportation is horse-drawn carts, accessing medical care is difficult. The Roma people make their living primarily by farming and have very little money. Craven says Ukrainian society generally looks upon the Roma as dirty and treats them as outcasts. Missionaries and groups like Craven's can be their only hope for even the most basic medical care.

Despite their adversities Craven says she found the Gypsy people—as they are commonly called—to be warm and welcoming.



"They were jovial, a very family-oriented group," she adds.

Craven's group was made up of eight nurses, two physical therapists, four students, her church's pastor, and his wife. During their seven-day stay in Uzhgorod they visited seven villages, setting up a clinic in each of the village's small churches. They brought the most basic supplies with them, including eye glasses, aspirin, soap, and toothpaste. Prescriptions are not required when purchasing medications in Ukraine, so they were able to buy some medications once they arrived.

Each day crowds of villagers showed up. "(At the end of the day) we would feel like we saw 100 people, but we probably saw only 60 people per village," Craven says.

Through interpreters Craven and her group learned of the hard life lived by

the villagers. With no running water in most villages, parasites are a big concern. And because indoor fires are used for heat, respiratory problems like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are common.

In between praying with the people and treating their illnesses, Craven and her fellow church members also took time out for education. Taking limited resources into consideration, they gave tips on safe home remedies, such as using vinegar to treat yeast infections. They also discussed hygiene and birth control.

Craven, who works as a geriatric nurse in Nashua, N.H., treated people of all ages while in Ukraine, but says she had a special affection for the older ones. She recalls one woman in particular who only wanted glasses to read her Bible. "I must have tried 10 different glasses on her. When we found (the right) ones, she just hugged me."

Unfortunately not everyone could be helped. Some conditions were too complicated to treat, and Craven says they were reluctant to give out blood pressure medication, because it was unlikely the villagers would receive proper follow-up care. "A lot of the medical issues we couldn't help. That was the hardest part," Craven says.

Even though working with the Roma people was at times heartbreaking, Craven says seeing their smiles and hearing their words of gratitude made the trip more than worth it. The trip also changed her outlook on the world.

"It was an eye opener to see how other people live," she says. "It was just extremely humbling. After being there for seven days, I could walk back to my life. The missionaries deal with this day after day. It's not something you forget."



Although Craven and her husband Stephen are planning to retire in Greer, South Carolina in 2009, retirement won't necessarily mark the end of her nursing career. She plans to continue going on mission trips with her church. Next up: Myanmar (formerly Burma) in March, where she will treat children in orphanages.

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husband Samuel is a pilot for Delta Air Lines. This fall they moved their oldest daughter Katie into her dorm on East Campus at Duke, where she is a freshman. Their daughter Sarah is a junior in high school. The family has lived on Cape Cod for 18 years.

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Marti Croll Taylor, MSN'93, has been appointed assistant vice president for the Acute Care Services Division of Duke University Health System. In this newly created position she will work on strategic growth plans, clinical department and health system integration, and system-wide

operations. She previously served as president of the Heart and Vascular Institute for Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta. She also worked at Duke Hospital for 18 years.

Jennifer Hirschy Gentry, MSN'94, a nurse practitioner with Duke Hospital Palliative Care Service, is president of the Triangle Chapter of the Hospice and Palliative

Nurses Association and a member of the exam committee of the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses. In her free time she enjoys playing violin and scrapbooking. She and her husband Gary have three daughters, Emily, 22; Ashley, 20; and Anna, 10, and live in Durham.

Judy E. Carlson, MSN'95, has moved to Charlotte, N.C., to be closer to her children. Carlson was caring for her 90-year-old mother until she died in May 2007. Carlson says she herself has been battling health problems since 2003. She has bile duct cancer. However, she enjoys spending time with her daughter Hope, her son Christian, his wife Heather, and her granddaughter

Helen. Christian is in the Executive MBA program at UNC-Charlotte.

Bernadine T. Hussein, MSN'96, ANP, is a nurse educator at Cleveland Clinic Hospital of Florida in Weston, Fla. She is a member of the Broward Oncology Nursing Society and the Oncology Nursing Society Research Special Interest Group. She and her husband Atif have three children. Their daughter Karen is a freshman at George Washington University School of Medicine; their son Khalil is a sophomore at Boston University; and their son Kamal is a high school junior. The family lives in Weston.

Marilyn Schaffner, MSN'96, PhD, CGRN, received her doctoral degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in December 2006. Her research focus is fatigue in nurses.

Patricia Spencer Workman, NP, MSN'96, has worked for the past three and a half years at Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail in Charlottesville, Va. She recently was certified as a correctional healthcare professional. For the past seven years she has served on the board of Piedmont House, a half-way home. In her free time she enjoys running and this spring ran both the Charlottesville 10-Miler and the Charlottesville Half Marathon for

the first time at age 50. She also is a member of the Pink Ladies, a group of coaches for the Charlottesville Women's 4-Miler Training Program—which she says is the largest women's training program in the U.S. She and her husband Harold live in Troy, Va.



⤴ **Sharon Lipinski Belcher, MSN'97**, attended a National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) Conference in 2007 in Orlando, Fla., where she says she also had a chance to visit with Marcia Lorimer, her primary instructor during nursing school. During the summer she was a camp nurse at Camp Ton-A-Wanda in Hendersonville, N.C. In her free time she enjoys gardening and reading. She lives in Fernandina Beach, Fla., with her husband and daughter Julia, who is a sophomore and a varsity basketball player at Fernandina Beach High School. Her son Andrew and his wife Rachel were expecting their second child in February.

Patricia Auer, MSN'98, FNP, is manager of the Homeward Bound Program for Queensbury Family Health in Queensbury, N.Y. She founded the program, which provides home-based primary care for frail, elderly, and disabled adults. She is a doctor of nurse practitioner's degree candidate at Columbia University with a May 2008 anticipated graduation. She and her husband Tom have two grown children—Jeff and Elizabeth—and live in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Stanley H. Jacques, MSN'98, is a family nurse practitioner at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. His wife Rita retired from the U.S. Army Nurse Corp. in 2002. They live near the families of their two grown daughters, Lara and Jennifer, in Salinas, Calif. In his spare time he enjoys sailing.

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S. Celeste Toombs, MSN'00, GNC'02, was appointed by the Durham City Council to serve on the Housing Appeals Board. She also is a 2007 graduate of Leadership Durham, a six-month program that raises awareness of the major issues and unique challenges facing the Durham community.

Selection to the program is based on demonstrated leadership ability, evidence of community involvement, willingness to assume greater responsibilities, and recommendations. Toombs enjoys traveling and visiting spas. She lives in Durham.

Vinette Thompson Gordon, MSN'01, graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 2006. She completed a one-year fellowship at the Department of Health and Human Services, where she was assigned to the Office of Emergency Preparedness. While there she directly contributed to the planning and operations for hurricanes Katrina and Wilma and led the efforts in developing and executing a National Burn Nurse Registry for Domestic Responses, a collaborative effort with the American Burn Association. A lieutenant colonel, Gordon currently works at the Pentagon. In her spare time she serves as a Brownie Scout leader and enjoys biking and reading. Her husband Vincent retired from the U.S. Army after serving honorably for 22 years and now works for the Department of Commerce. Their daughter Victoria is 9. The family lives in Falls Church, Va.

Jennifer Hebert-Hanley, MSN'01, FNP, is a full-time student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She expects to graduate in May 2008. She is a member of the family nurse practitioner faculty at Vanderbilt School of Nursing. Outside of work she enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and spending time with her family. Her husband T.J., a captain in the U.S. Army Special Forces, recently returned from his second tour in Iraq. They live in Clarksville, Tenn., and have a four-year-old son, Jake.

Deborah A. Adams-Wingate, MSN'02, has opened her own practice called Patient Centered Care, PLLC, in Wilmington, N.C. It emphasizes preventive health and general well-being and provides primary care with special focus on lessening the late effects that often follow cancer treatment. She has two granddaughters, ages 6 and 1, and lives in Wilmington.

Alison Wolff, MSN'03, and her fiancé Steve are making plans to marry at Disney World in April 2008. She is a pediatric nurse practi-

tioner at Cornerstone Pediatric Associates of Kernersville, and he is an electrical engineer with Analog Devices. Aside from spending time with Steve, outside of work she enjoys going to the gym and playing with her two dogs Alex and Sadie. She lives in Kernersville, N.C. Her parents live in Burlington, N.C., and her sister lives in Denver, Colo.

Erika Young, ABSN'03, completed her master's of science in nursing degree in June 2007 at the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF). She is a registered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) at UCSF Children's Hospital. She also serves as a preceptor for new grads and teaches continuing education classes in the PICU. In her free time she competes in triathlons, rides her bike, and camps. She lives in San Francisco.

Danielle Knowles Fogg, MSN'04, an adult nurse practitioner and a speaker for Celgene Biopharmaceutical Company, gives presentations on the FDA-approved drug Revlimid, a treatment for patients with low- to intermediate-risk myelodysplastic syndrome. She currently is planning her first medical mission trip to Guatemala. She is a board

member of the Triangle Oncology Nursing Society. She and her husband Doug have four children—a son Cory, 20, and daughters Taylor, 18; Ashton, 15; and Justine, 13—and live in Raleigh.

Joyce Belfance, MSN'05, has been certified as a nurse educator through the National League for Nursing. She works as a nursing instructor at Craven Community College in New Bern, N.C. Outside of work she likes to read, attend concerts and plays, and volunteer with a local domestic violence organization.

Marie A. George, MSN'05, of Lincoln, R.I., became manager of nursing informatics at Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence in 2007. In her free time she enjoys knitting and crocheting, working on her 85-year-old house, watching the N.Y. Yankees, and traveling. She and her daughter Emily recently visited Ireland and France. Emily is a junior at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. A sociology major, Emily is interested in working with people affected by AIDS and currently volunteers with an AIDS project in New Haven.



⤴ **Gena Bittner Burnett, RN, ABSN'06, BA** has been accepted into the Duke University School of Nursing's Nurse Anesthetist Program beginning in January 2008. She currently is working in Duke Hospital's intensive care unit. She was married in April 2007 to Michael Burnett. They live in Mebane, N.C.

Jessica A.N. Fett, MSN'06, APRN, NPC, is working for the Hartford Medical Group in East Hartford, Conn. She is on the Occupational Health Committee, the Mid-Level Provider Committee, and is a travel health advisor. She and her husband Gary have two sons—Jacob, 7, and Ryan, 4—and live in West Granby, Conn.

M. Dianne Homan, RN, MSN'07, graduated in May 2007 from the School of Nursing MSN program and is working in Continuing Nursing Education Services with the Duke University Health System. She has four children, ages 17,

18, 23, 24 and two stepchildren, ages 10 and 13, and lives in Chapel Hill.

Mary J. Hovey, MSN'07, is an instructor in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, N.C. Outside of work she enjoys walking and reading. She writes, "It's been a Harry Potter summer!" She and husband Tom live in Hampstead, N.C., with their two children, Joey, 15; and Katie, 13.

E. Katherine Ireland, MSN'07, is a clinical nurse specialist in the intensive care unit at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, N.Y. She recently was appointed to the new position of director of Acute Care Clinical Specialist Programming for the nursing education department. She remains single and enjoys knitting, biking, playing with her nieces, Irish dancing, playing the fiddle, and traveling. She lives in Rochester.

Frances Styrom Adams, BSN'45, died July 25, 2007, in Phoenix, Ariz. She was 84. The daughter of the late George Frank and Myrtle Waters Styron, she was born and raised in Goldsboro, N.C. She graduated from Duke University and married Lloyd L. Adams, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va. She is survived by four children, four grandchildren, and her brother, George Frank Styron, Jr., of Cary, N.C.

Sarah Lucile "Lucy" Proctor Aycock, BSN'47, of Ashland, Ore., died on Aug. 23, 2007. She was born on Feb. 22, 1922, in Tallahassee, Fla., where she found a love of nature. Birds were a special fascination and pleasure for her. At Duke University she delighted in the wisteria of the gardens, was given the nickname "Magnolia" for her soft southern accent and ways, became a nurse, and attended chapel where she fell in love with her late husband, **Rev. Tom Aycock, T'47**. Together they moved from tiny rural churches to college chaplaincy and later to large established churches in North Carolina, New Orleans, Texas, Iowa, and Florida. She practiced nursing in the newborn nursery, which she called "the happiest place in a hospital." She is survived by her three daughters, Ellen, Beth, and Marty; her brother, Edward Proctor;

four grandchildren, Steve, Sarah, Jeff, and Nick; seven great-grandchildren; and her cat Oreo.

Josephine Johnson Bridgers, N'36, BSN'38, of Columbia, S.C., died Dec. 14, 2007. She was 93. Born in Smithville, N.C., she was a graduate of Louisburg Junior College, Rutherford College, and Duke University School of Nursing. She was a neurosurgical operating room nurse and veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Army 65th General Hospital in England 1942-1945. She is survived by her sons, William H. "Bill" Bridgers, Jr., of Columbia; **Barrie L. Bridgers, T'69**, of Charleston, S.C.; and Lawrence N. "Larry" Bridgers of Clinton, S.C.; grandchildren, Laura Bridgers Reeves, of Anderson, S.C., and William Allen Bridgers of Spartanburg, S.C.; and great-grandchildren Carson Reeves and Luke Reeves. She was predeceased by her husband **William Henry Bridgers, Sr., MD'36**, and her brother, Maynard C. Johnson.

Myrtle Irene Brown, PhD, RN, FAAN, former dean of the Duke University School of Nursing (1968-1970), died Aug. 2, 2007. She was 92. Born in East Peoria, Ill., she graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She earned a BA degree in

nursing education and an MS degree in public and child health from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. In 1959 she received her PhD in educational sociology and anthropology from New York University. She was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree by Eureka College in 1978. Brown studied and researched child health care with Dr. Benjamin Spock, and during the polio epidemic in the 1940s, she worked with the renowned Sister Elizabeth Kenny in developing treatments and caring for those stricken with polio. Following her work with Sister Kenny, she served as a consultant in maternal-child health with the World Health Organization in Delhi, India. Upon her return to the United States, she held faculty positions at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Missouri. In the late 1960s she accepted the dual position of professor and dean of the School of Nursing at Duke. From 1970 until her retirement in 1980, she was a professor and associate dean of graduate programs at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing. Brown was preceded in death by her three sisters. She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Shirley Jett, Karen Bixby, and Eugene Sutton of Peoria; Jack Sutton of

Littleton, Colo.; Roger Sutton of Charles City, Iowa; Jean McClain of Herod, Ill.; Alosea Carlson of Salt Lake City, Utah; Sally Jo Caracheo of Elgin, Ill.; Tony Eichelberger of Pittsburg, Pa.; and many other relatives and friends.

Jane Senter Hiltzheimer Browne, N'51, died Jan. 27, 2008, at her Cherryville, N.C., home. She was 77. She graduated from Pulaski High School in 1946 and attended Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. In 1951 she graduated from Duke, where she met her husband **Tom Browne, E'51**. Her church was an important part of her life, and she held many leadership positions during her 54 years as a member there. She served Gaston Residential Services for 26 years in various capacities, including as chairman of the board of directors for eight years. She was recognized by the Community Living Association for outstanding service and leadership and was a volunteer for the Red Cross Blood Mobile program and Hospice of Gaston County. Her husband preceded her in death in 2003. She is survived by two sons, Frank Browne and Robert Browne; four daughters, Mary B. West, Margaret N. Browne, Susan B. Lewis, and Alice B. Carpenter; eight grandchildren; and one brother, Charles Irvine Hiltzheimer.

Gail Peterson Carlson, BSN'65, of Canal Fulton, Ohio, passed away Feb. 9, 2007, after a brief illness. She was 64. She was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Takoma Park, Md. She graduated from High Point High School in 1961 and Duke University in 1965. She married Eric Carlson in 1965, and after spending five years as a Navy wife, she settled in Canal Fulton in 1970. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. For many years she maintained a successful business creating wooden items for sale in Amish Country. She loved the outdoors and took pride in her garden. Carlson was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Douglas. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Eric; son Douglas Carlson of St. Louis, Mo.; daughter Christina Carlson of Akron, Ohio; brother, Raymond Peterson, of Naples, Fla.; and grandchildren, Lindsay and Kyle Carlson, of St. Louis.

Mary Vannah Davidson, N'47, died Dec. 5, 2007, in Upper Arlington, Ohio. She was 86. Born in Gorham, N.H., she attended the University of New Hampshire and graduated from Duke University School of Nursing. She was a member of the Navy Student Nurse Corps during World War II. In

1946 she married John A. Davidson, MD, and lived in Springfield, Ohio, from 1947 until April 2007. A registered nurse, Davidson served as a volunteer nurse with the American Red Cross in Springfield and with the Missionary Health Service of Springfield. She was a member of the Girl Scouts of America for 25 years, serving as a scout leader and in council leadership positions. She also served on the advisory board of the Parent Infant Center in Springfield and as a member of St. Teresa Church, the Clark County Medical Alliance, and the Kiser Lake Sailing Club. Davidson was preceded in death by her husband; brothers, William and Harold Vannah; and sister Betsey Carr. She is survived by six children: John A. Davidson II, Robert Davidson, Helen Davidson McCarthy, Patricia Davidson, Mary Beth Davidson, and Thomas Davidson; and five grandchildren.

Ella Pepper Garrison, BSN'49, of Easley, S.C., died Feb. 8, 2008, at Easley Living Center. She was 79. Born in Anderson County, S.C., Garrison received a bachelor of science degree from Duke University and a master's degree from Emory University. She retired as a registered nurse from Greenville General

Hospital after 20 years of service. She was dean of nursing and allied health at Greenville Technical College for ten years and later was clinical director at Anderson Memorial Hospital for five years. An active member of her church, she taught Sunday school for many years. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, David Garrison; her son Carl Garrison of Grand Junction, Colo.; her daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Jack Green of Easley; and one sister, Faye Nasworthy of Easley. She was predeceased by two brothers and one sister.

Margaret Joan Allen Green, N'51, died at her home in Salisbury, N.C., on June 30, 2007. Born Feb. 16, 1928 in Detroit, Mich., she grew up in East Lansing. While attending Duke University School of Nursing she met and married **Paul Green, Jr., MD'51**. Along with raising her children, she enjoyed gardening, tennis, and serving her church. She volunteered her time with Rowan Medical Auxiliary, Rowan Helping Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, the American Red Cross, and the Girl Scouts. She especially enjoyed spending time with St. Luke's Altar Guild and the Episcopal Church Women and various other ministries. She is

survived by four children, Susan Coulter and husband David of Cary, N.C., Pete Green and wife Tarre of Atlanta, Ga., Peggy Horne and husband Frank of Charlotte, N.C., and Cathy Holladay of Salisbury, N.C.; her sister-in-law Betty Hauser and husband Bob of High Point, N.C.; and eight grandchildren.

Margaret Herman Guy, N'34, BSN'38, of Charlotte, N.C., died Aug. 3, 2007. She was 98. She was born in Conover on May 29, 1909. Upon graduating with honors from Lenoir-Rhyne College, she entered Duke University in 1931 and earned a BS degree in nursing. She worked at Duke Hospital on the surgical floor until her marriage in 1940. In 1950 she and her husband moved to Salisbury. An honorary life member of First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, she served as president of the Women of the Church, was a member of the church choir, and taught Sunday school for many years. She was also an avid gardener. She remained in Salisbury for 57 years until she moved to the Carriage Club of Charlotte in 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband, Buford Mason Guy and her son Buford Mason Guy, Jr. She is survived by her daughter Margaret Guy Dunn and

son-in-law Frank of Charlotte; daughter-in-law Pam Miller Guy of Cleveland, Tenn.; five grandsons; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Catherine Herman Mauney of Gastonia.

Mary Lou Gerringer Hardin, N'56, died of natural causes following a brief illness on Nov. 4, 2007, at Morningside Assisted Living and Alzheimer's Care in Williamsburg, Va. She was 72. Born in Waynesville, N.C., she graduated from Waynesville High School in 1953 and from Duke University School of Nursing in 1956. She met her husband Jim Hardin at Duke. They were married following his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1959. As a Navy wife, she traveled with her husband and son to duty stations in Norfolk, Va.; Bremerhaven, Germany; California; Pennsylvania; and back to Norfolk. She is survived by Jim, her husband of 48 years; and their son Jonathon III of Atlanta, Ga.; a grandson, Jaben; two sisters, Sally Greer of Savannah, Ga., and Eileen Owen of Florence S.C.; a sister-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

Tina F. Hewett, MSN'00, died Oct. 7, 2007, at her home in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. She was 42. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from UNC

Charlotte and went on to earn a master's degree as a family nurse practitioner from Duke University. She was employed with New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C., for 18 years and held the following positions: registered nurse, office manager/nurse practitioner of Coastal Family Medicine, and director of Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Survivors include her son Samuel Henry Hewett of Ocean Isle Beach; her parents, Richard and Christine Hewett of Shallotte, N.C.; her brother Jamey R. Hewett of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; two sisters, Jill Davison of Huntersville, N.C., and Candice Chappell of Ash, N.C.; three nieces; and two nephews.

Ruth Douglas Jacokes, N'48, MSN'70, died Oct. 7, 2007, in Raleigh, N.C., after several years of declining health. She was 79. A native of Harmony, N.C., she graduated from Duke University with a degree in nursing and later received her master's degree in nursing from UNC-Chapel Hill while raising her four young children. She then became director of nursing at John Umstead Hospital and also taught for many years. She later worked at UNC Hospitals as a nursing supervisor. Jacokes was very energetic and enjoyed many activities, including race walking, teaching, and attending church. In 1973 she was

named Mother of the Year in Durham. She is survived by her sons, Mark Jacokes and his wife Wendy of Nashville, Tenn., Paul D. Jacokes of McLean, Va., and Dennis Jacokes and his wife Allison of Raleigh; daughter Marcia and her husband Richard Tuttle of Gastonia, N.C.; one brother Bill Douglas; sisters, Polly Johnson and Dee Mattocks; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was predeceased by her husband **Paul W. Jacokes, T'49**, and brother Bobby Douglas.

Mary Jane Mason Johnson, BSN'50, of Las Vegas, Nev., passed away April 29, 2007. She was 79. Born in Freehold, N.J., she earned a nursing degree from Duke University and her master's degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She was a dedicated school nurse for more than 30 years with Clark County School District in Nevada before retiring in 1992. She loved to travel and spend time with her grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Harold W. Johnson in 1970, her mother and father, and a brother, Tommy. She is survived by her sons, Greg and wife Robin of Chicago, James and wife Diane of Belfair, Wash., and David and wife Lori of Las Vegas; three sisters, Peggy M. Taylor and her spouse Gail of Valle Crucis, N.C., Gertrude Mason Wells and

her spouse Art of Lititz, Pa., and Susan Mason Kelly and her spouse Harold of Englishtown, N.J.; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kathy McCormick Kibler, BSN'72, of Derry, N.H., died May 4, 2007, at her home following a lengthy battle with cancer. She was 56. A native of Pittsburg, Pa., she was a resident of Derry for 14 years, formerly living in Mumfordsville, N.Y., Washington State, and Idaho. After graduating from Avonworth High School in Pittsburg, she received her bachelor of science in nursing degree from Duke and her nurse practitioner degree from UNC. She worked for Parkland Hospital in Derry and then Elliot Hospital for the past seven years. She also served as guardian ad litem, working with children and representing them in divorces and difficult situations. She also enjoyed spending time with friends. She is survived by two sons, Jeffrey Kibler of Allston, Mass., and Brian Kibler of San Diego, Calif.; her mother Jane McCormick of Ben Avon, Pa.; two brothers, Scott McCormick of Naples, Fla., and Dave McCormick of the Caribbean; and a nephew and niece.

Lila Wells Massengill, BSN'43, died Feb. 4, 2007, at the Wesley Commons

Retirement Community in Greenwood, S.C. She was 86. She was a graduate of Greenwood High School and Duke University, where she received a BS degree in nursing. Later she returned to Lander College and completed a BS degree in elementary education. While teaching at Blake Elementary School, she completed a master of education degree from Clemson University. She helped coordinate the Licensed Practical Nursing Program for the Greenwood County Vocational Facility and taught there for six years while pursuing other graduate studies. She then taught hearing and vision-impaired students in the Abbeville School District. She was a lifelong member of Main Street United Methodist Church. She also was a member of several organizations, including the S.C. Education Association, National Education Association, and National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Massengill was predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Paul Robinson Massengill, MD, and a grandson, James Mumford Mike Tuck. Surviving are her children, Ann Wells Massengill, Elizabeth Libby Massengill Bannister, Paul R. Massengill, Jr., and Claude Wells Massengill; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and a brother, John Anderson Jack Wells.

Sharon Speaker McDowell, N'57, of Wilmington, N.C., died Nov. 13, 2007, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was 71. She was born in Peru, Ind., on Sept. 3, 1936. She graduated from New Hanover High School and earned her nursing degree from Duke University. A registered nurse, she retired from Cape Fear Memorial Hospital in Wilmington with 25 years of service. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Ray McDowell; two daughters, Melissa Wright and her husband William, and Jennifer Langley and husband Daniel, all of Wilmington; and three grandchildren, Grainger Wright, Joshua Wright, and Lauren Wright.

Victoria Mock, BSN'64, PhD, FAAN, of Baltimore, Md., died of cancer Nov. 15, 2007. She was 65. Internationally known for her research in symptom management for patients receiving cancer treatment, she was a professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and chair of the school's new Department of Health Systems and Outcomes. She also led the school's Center for Collaborative Intervention Research and directed nursing research at the Kimmel Cancer Center. Mock held a joint appointment in oncology at the Johns Hopkins University School of

Medicine and conducted multi-institutional intervention-testing studies in diverse cancer populations. She was principal investigator or co-investigator on numerous National Institutes of Health-funded cancer-centered research projects. Throughout her career, she earned accolades and national acclaim for her work in oncology nursing. She chaired the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Cancer-Related Fatigue Guidelines Panel, received a Distinguished Researcher Award from the Oncology Nursing Society and was honored with an American Cancer Society Professorship of Oncology Nursing from the ACS Mid-Atlantic Division. In 2004 she delivered Duke University School of Nursing's Harriet Cook Carter Lecture. Mock earned her bachelor of science in nursing from Duke University; a master of science in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco; and a doctorate of nursing science from Catholic University. She joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins in 1994 from the Boston College School of Nursing. The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing has created a Web site, www.son.jhmi.edu/blogs/vickimock, for friends and colleagues to post remembrances of Mock, and has established a research fund in her honor.

Christine Bessler Poe, N'54, died June 17, 2007, in the Duke Hospice Inpatient Care Facility in Hillsborough, N.C. She was 75. Born in Miami, Fla., she moved to Durham with her family early in her childhood. She graduated from Durham High School and attended Women's College in Greensboro. After graduating from Duke in 1954, she worked at Duke Medical Center as a registered nurse for several years and then took time away from her profession to raise her children. Poe later assumed management and operation of the family business, Rolls Florist. During the 1970s and early 1980s she was an advocate for special needs students in the Durham Public School System and was president of the Association for Retarded Citizens. Surviving are her daughter Cynthia L. Gleisberg and husband Henry of Yorktown, Va.; three sons, Charles N. Poe, Craig B. Poe, and Carl M. Poe and wife Robyn, all of Durham; and three grandchildren, Anna Poe, Valerie Gleisberg, and Jack Gleisberg.

Helen Taylor Pokay, N'46, of Stuart, Fla., died Jan. 7, 2007, at Martin Memorial Hospital South. She was 83. Born in Louisville, Ky., she lived in Stuart for 25 years. She was preceded in death by her sister Virginia Washington and brother

Robert Taylor. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Joseph J. Pokay, Jr.; daughters, Patricia Ann Williams of Lilburn, Ga., and Joan Marie McCollum of Bayfield, Colo.; son Joseph J. Pokay III of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Julia Ann Smoot Pryor, N'47, died April 2, 2007, in her home in Greenville, S.C., after a long illness. She was born in Darlington, S.C., and graduated from Duke School of Nursing in 1947. She raised four children and also practiced nursing at Greenville General Hospital. Surviving are her husband **William Watkins Pryor, Sr., MD'47, HS'47-'55**; daughters, Anne P. Garrett and Katherine P. Brown and husband Richard; sons, **William W. Pryor, Jr., MD'81**, and wife Cher, and Dr. J. Clifton Pryor and wife Cheri; and eight grandchildren.

Zeta Garland Ruegger, BSN'49, of Johnson City, Tenn., died Jan. 1, 2007, in the Johnson City Medical Center. She was 79. Raised in Spruce Pine, N.C., she graduated with a BS in nursing from Duke University. She received a certificate in public health nursing from the University of North Carolina and was a nursing instructor at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York

City. She was a longtime resident of Hillsdale, N.J., where she raised her family. Survivors include two sons, Tony Ruegger of Westerville, Ohio, and Chris Ruegger of Herndon, Va.; a sister, Elaine Hall, of Johnson City; three grandchildren, Emma, Holden, and Abigail Ruegger, of Westerville.

Doris McKinney Ruppert, N'47, died March 15, 2007. She was 83. Born Jan. 22, 1924, to a furniture manufacturing family in High Point, N.C., she was a resident of the New Orleans metropolitan area for 55 years. She was a graduate of Duke University, a former registered nurse for the U.S. Veterans Affairs Administration, and former member of Metairie Methodist Church in Louisiana. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Herman Ruppert, Jr. She is survived by her children Joseph Herman Ruppert III of Metairie, La., Gregory Allen Ruppert of River Ridge, La., Melissa Ruppert Jessen of Lake Charles, La., Jason Keith Ruppert of San Jose, Calif., and Karl Jacob Ruppert of Many, La.; two grandchildren; three sisters, Irene Pruitt, Juanita McKinney, Margaret Arnold, and Colleen Parrish, all of North Carolina.

Ann Martin Rutherford, N'50, of Harrisonburg, Va., died May 1, 2007, at Sunnyside Retirement Community. She was 78. Born in Pittsburg, Pa., she was a graduate of Duke University School of Nursing, Austin College, the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and the Medical College of Georgia. She served as a missionary nurse of the Presbyterian Church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo from 1972 until 1980 and worked as a nurse at the University of Virginia Medical Center and Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, Va. More recently she served as a Red Cross disaster service volunteer, including service in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She is survived by a niece, Julie Roselius of Kinnelon, N.J.; two nephews, Stuart G. Rutherford of Manville, N.J., and David H. Rutherford of East Windsor, N.J.; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Rutherford of Metuchen, N.J.; two grandnephews and two grandnieces.

Lucy Smith Singleton, N'46, of Kernersville, N.C., died Jan. 3, 2008. She was 82. Born Aug. 6, 1925, she graduated from Duke University School of Nursing as a registered nurse. Most of her nursing career was spent at Lyndhurst Gynecologic Associates in Winston-Salem, N.C.

She was a lifelong member of Kernersville Moravian Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Al Singleton; three children, Jan Ledwith and husband Bruce of Winston-Salem; David Singleton and wife Amy of Marietta, Ga.; and Amy Guthrie and husband David of Winston-Salem; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Grace Tillett Temple, N'33, BSN'38, died Nov. 20, 2007, at the Carriage Club of Charlotte. She was 97. She was born in Durham, but her family later moved to Timberlake, N.C., where she grew up. She was one of 11 children. After attending Duke University School of Nursing, she began her career as a public health nurse. She married John Bowers Wiggins, and together they had one daughter, Elizabeth. After John's death in 1942, she worked in Durham as an OB/GYN nurse. In 1954 she married James Pettigrew Temple of Selma, N.C. In 1960 they moved to Goldsboro, N.C., where she was very active with her church and the Goldsboro Garden Club. When James died she moved to Charlotte to be near her daughter and grandson. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth W. Ertel; a grandson, Stephen Ertel and his wife Vanessa; and two brothers and a sister.

Margie Blakely Thompson, N'37, passed away in Portland, Maine, on Feb. 2, 2007. She was born in Asheville, N.C., on Sept. 4, 1916. She graduated from Duke University School of Nursing and received postgraduate training in psychiatry from Appalachian Hall in Asheville. In 1940 she married Dr. William G. Thompson. The couple moved to Rhinebeck, N.Y., in 1942 and lived there for 58 years. In 2000 she moved to Portland to be closer to family. During her nursing career she worked as a charge nurse at Hudson River State Hospital and Northern Dutchess Hospital, as an infirmary nurse at Bard College, and also provided private duty care. She was a member of the Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck, where her service included membership in the Altar Guild and Episcopal Church Women's Group for 25 years. Thompson was predeceased by her youngest daughter, Susan Conrad. She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Valteau of Portland and Judith Oltmanns of Jefferson, Ohio; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother; and several nieces and nephews.

Rosalee Lewis Wernecke, N'51, of Alexandria, Va., died on Sept. 28, 2006. She was 77.

Margaret "Peggy" Mahaffee Williams, BSN'51, died March 23, 2007, at Durham Regional Hospital. She was 76. She attended Mitchell College and Duke University School of Nursing and graduated from the Duke University Master's Program in Nursing Education. She was employed by Duke Medical Center for 47 years prior to her retirement. She was a member of the National Association of Operating Room Nurses, the Gideon International Association, Duke University Retiree Association, and the American Parkinson's Association. She was a member of Salem Presbyterian Church in Hickory Grove, S.C., and Butner Presbyterian Church for more than 30 years. Williams is survived by her husband James M. Williams; son Roger Williamson of Butner, N.C.; stepsons, James B. Williams of Hurdle Mills, N.C., Gerald B. Williams of Butner, Roger P. Williams of Butner, Mark Williams of Wake Forest, N.C., Millard Williams of Raleigh, N.C., Paul Williams of Graham, N.C.; stepdaughter, Tina Foster of Wilmington, N.C.; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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