



## Miss Betsy Kendrick Ewing

April 15, 1923 - September 16, 2013

A Memorial service for Betsy K. Ewing, who died September 16, 2013, will be held Monday, October 7, 2013 at 11 AM at Brooks-Howell Home Memorial Chapel. Officiating will be Rev. Gerald Davis and Rev. Avery White, both of Groce United Methodist Church, and Rev. Don Turman, Brooks-Howell Chaplain.

Ms. Ewing was born in Louisville, KY on April 15, 1923, to Willie Kendrick and Ben F. Ewing. She had two brothers, William and Benjamin, both now deceased. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Sarah Ewing Ernst of Louisville, KY, and several nieces and nephews.

Following her graduation from the University of Kentucky, in October, 1944, she followed her brothers' lead and enlisted in the Navy, serving for sixteen months in New York City. She then entered Scarritt College, Nashville, TN, graduating with an MA in Christian Education. She later returned there to serve on the staff for 15 years, five as Dean of Students. She also received an MA from Peabody College and was awarded two Honorary Doctorates from Kentucky Wesleyan College and Pfeiffer College. In 1954 she was commissioned a Deaconess with the Methodist Church.

During her length of service, she held numerous administrative positions with The United Methodist Church, including Executive Director of Deaconess

Service and Associate General Secretary for Administration of The Board of Global Ministries. She was the first lay person and first woman to be elected Board President of Scarritt College. She was President from 1972-1979 of Diakonia, an international group of deaconesses.

She retired in 1985 and entered Brooks-Howell Home in December, 1993, where she became active in the Asheville community. She was member of Groce UMC, Church Women United, American Association of University Women, and the United Nations Association.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Brooks Howell Home  
266 Merrimon Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801  
<http://www.brooks-howell.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Miss Betsy Kendrick Ewing*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I didn't know how to get to message to Betsy's family, so I figured I would place it here. If you could pass this on it would be greatly appreciated.*

*My name is Marion Castaneda and lived in NYC where I worked with Betsy Ewing at the Board of Global Ministries. I just found out that she passed away in 2013. I'm truly sorry for your loss and everyone's loss to all who knew her. She was a wonderful person and a great teacher. When I first started to work with her, I found that she was not as open to people you would expect in her position at the Board. After she got to know you, she was really wonderful. I taught her how to do many things at work and she was very gracious. We became good friends but then she left and every now and then she would ask staff who saw her how I was doing. I would relay messages to her also. But, I too left the Board and only found out during my many visits to the Women's Division website. Again, sorry for your loss and am sure you are doing well now. Take care.*

Marion Rivera - April 13, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3,4 states "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away". Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death. Hope these words give you a new hope.*

Ana - September 19, 2013 at 05:38 PM