

Laureen Rearden Steelman, BSN'40, of Rowley, Mass., died Feb. 2, 2010. She was 92. In 1943 she sailed aboard the Queen Mary to England, where she served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps with Duke's famed WWII 65th General Hospital in East Anglia. She is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

June Stone Anderson, N'42, of San Lorenzo, Calif., died in hospice care at her home on March 25, 2009. She was 87. She is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Jeane Estes Tower, N'42, died Aug. 23, 2009, at Regent Care Center in Reno, Nev. She was 88. She spent most of her adult life as a homemaker and mother. She is survived by four sons, a stepson, 11 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Mary Barnes Brannan, BSN'44, of Birmingham, Ala., died Nov. 19, 2009. She was 87. After graduating from Peace Junior College and the Duke University School of Nursing, she served in the U.S. Army Nursing Corps in the Philippines. She then worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she was part of the first neonatal intensive care unit in the U.S. Brannan is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Jessamine Fleming "Jacie" Owen, BSN'44, of Jarrett, Va., died July 4, 2009. She was 86. She served for many years as a home health nurse. She is survived by three sons, a daughter, 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Betty Louise Riddle Bashinsky, N'45, of Birmingham, Ala., died June 24, 2009. She was 85. She attended Elon University before transferring to Duke University School of Nursing. She was active in the Junior League and was a volunteer at St. Vincent's Hospital. She is survived by three children, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Joyce Whitfield Dortch, N'46, of Jensen Beach, Fla., died at her home on Aug. 9, 2009. She was 84. Born in Durham, she was a resident of West Palm Beach from 1952 until she moved to Jensen Beach in 1985. She is survived by a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

Elizabeth Bowers Miles, BSN'49, of Lake City, S.C., died Nov. 16, 2009, after a long illness. She was 86. After earning degrees at Coker College and Duke, she served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was later employed with the federal government.

1950s

Winifred Thompson Butler, N'50, of Florence, Ala., died Jan. 9, 2009. She was 79.

Carol Burnham Elwood, BSN'50, of Marietta, Ga., died July 29, 2009. She was 80. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Betty Jewel Harn, N'51, of Nokomis, Fla., died April 14, 2009. She was 80. Harn was a registered nurse from 1965–1995 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. She is survived by her husband Joseph L. Harn Sr., two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Barbara Dee Fish Gatland, N'52, of Atlanta, Ga., died Dec. 10, 2009, at age 79. After earning a nursing diploma from Duke and a bachelor of science degree from Johns Hopkins University, she served as a nurse in Baltimore, Md., and became the assistant director for the pediatric department at Johns Hopkins. She is survived by her husband Ian R. Gatland, three sons, a daughter, and seven grandchildren.

Betty Jane Flora McFarland, N'53, of Burlington, N.C., died July 21, 2009. She was 78. She retired as a registered nurse at Alamance County Hospital. She is survived by two daughters, a son, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Rebecca Withers Harper, N'54, of Spencer, N.C., died Dec. 19, 2009. She was 77. She worked at several hospitals in North Carolina before her retirement.

Ruth Thomas Chosy, BSNEd'57, of Brownsville, Texas, died Oct. 27, 2009. She was 85. She taught psychiatric nursing at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., and later supported the La Bartolina, Mexico, mission for 12 years, delivering food and medicine. Chosy is survived by two stepsons, four grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Nancy Starling Hill, BSN'59, died May 31, 2009. She was 72.

1960s

Isabel Sklar-Jackson, BSN'63, died suddenly at her home in Alpine, N.J., on Jan. 11, 2007. She was 65. She was a New York and New Jersey psychotherapist. She is survived by her husband Fred Jackson and a host of grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and friends.

Cornelia Griffin Peterson, BSN'64, of Durham died Aug. 17, 2009, after a four-year battle with cancer. She was 67. After graduating from Duke, she began a career as a registered nurse that lasted until her retirement in 2003. Her career included working as a staff nurse for 20 years with the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1984. She is survived by her son **Lt. Col. Erik Terryl Peterson, T'89**, and her niece Kimberly Perry Gill.

Nancy Hyre Odend'hal, BSN'65, of Johnson City, Tenn., died Oct. 23, 2009. She was 66.

1970s SME Class of 1965

Cheryl Meinert Morgan, BSN'70, of Dallas, Texas, died Aug. 3, 2009. She was 62. Her career included serving as a nurse at Baylor University. She is survived by two daughters and two sons.

Former Faculty

Ruth E. Long, RN, CRNA, of Durham, N.C., who helped to establish the Duke University School of Nursing's Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP) and taught nurse anesthesia at Duke, died Aug. 3, 2009. She was 66. She was a graduate of the Watts School of Practical Nursing and the Watts Hospital Course in Operating Room Nursing. She attended North Carolina Central University and the Durham County Hospital School of Anesthesia for Nurses. Long was employed at Durham Regional Hospital as a certified registered nurse anesthetist for about 30 years, retiring in 2009. She was an active member of many state and national professional anesthesia organizations. In 2003 Duke established the Ruth E. Long Award for Exceptional Professional Achievements, given annually to a student in the NAP. Long is survived by her companion of 22 years, Sheila E. Weeks, a clinical nurse with the Durham Regional Hospital Auxiliary.

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