

The Legacy of Bettye Quinn



On June 4, 2020, The Belhaven University family lost one of its most beloved and influential professors, Ms. Bettye Quinn. With a combined 61 years of teaching experience, Bettye had established a legacy of teaching and serving that has influenced countless others. She daily lived the University motto, “to serve, not to be served.”

For many she was a living, breathing history book of Belhaven University, and for others she was an adopted mother and caring confidant. No matter your connection, she was seen as a permanent installation at the University, thought to live forever. Her passing left an absence that is being filled by the very people she affected so deeply.

University’s commencement exercises, May 4, 2019. This special honor was a public way of recognizing her tremendous impact on the many Belhaven students who sat under her tutelage.

Bettye earned a Bachelor of Arts from Belhaven College in 1958 and a Master of Education from Mississippi College in 1961. She completed further graduate work at Mississippi State University.

She taught eight years with Jackson Public Schools before coming to Belhaven in 1966 to teach education and psychology. She has over 53 years of experience in teaching elementary education at the collegiate level. In addition to teaching at Belhaven as

Education. She also carried the title of national secretary for Kappa Delta Epsilon Education Sorority.

Her many awards were evidence of her dedication to the teaching profession. Some of her awards included: Outstanding Young Education National Winner, Mississippi Economics Council Star Teacher, Alpha Theta Professor of Year, Belhaven College Alumnus of the Year, Belhaven College Board of Trustees Professor of Year, Headwae Award, Legacy of Learning, and Belhaven Leadership Council Faculty of the Year. In 2002, Belhaven honored her by naming the Bettye Quinn Alumni House and Welcome Center. She was a member of Wells Methodist Church for 73 years and has taught Sunday school at the church for 65 years.

Dr. Parrott continued, “Billy Graham once said, ‘The greatest legacy one can pass on to their children or their grandchildren is not money or material things accumulated in your life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.’ Bettye didn’t have biological children, but she had thousands and thousands of children in schools all across the states, many who are now grown with their own children because of the influence she put into their lives through the teachers she trained, and that web will continue to grow. I can’t imagine BU without BQ; it just won’t feel right. She is in our hearts in our spirit, and she is in all that we are at Belhaven University.” 🍷

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In a memorial video for Bettye, Belhaven University President Dr. Roger Parrott had this to say about her. “I just have this image that in heaven God is going to have this huge screen in front of Bettye, and it is going to open up with the people that she taught and then branches out to the children that those teachers influenced and the families they influenced; there will be this gigantic web of influence because of the dedicated life of Bettye Quinn.”

Just a year before her passing, Dr. Parrott awarded Bettye Quinn an honorary doctorate during the

Associate Professor of Education, she was an adjunct faculty member for Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi at the R & D Center, where she taught education for ten years.

Since 1955, Bettye has worked at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center’s Emergency Department, volunteering each Christmas Day. Through the years, she earned the title of state president for Alpha Delta Kappa, Mississippi Department of Classroom Teachers, Mississippi Association of College Teachers of Education, and the Association of Childhood



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