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Betty Logan Remembered as Business Educator, Community Volunteer

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Betty Logan dedicated much of her life to educating high school and college business students and to serving the Gardner-Webb community. The Shelby (N.C.) native and longtime Forest City (N.C.) resident passed away Aug. 24 at the age of 89.

After earning her bachelor's degree in secretarial administration at Woman's College in Greensboro, now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Logan began her teaching career in 1947 in the business department at Kings Mountain (N.C.) High School. She then taught in the business department at Cool Springs High School in Forest City prior to joining Gardner-Webb in 1957.

In 1961, Logan earned her master's degree in education from Appalachian State University. She taught typewriting, shorthand, office procedure and office machines classes until 1974 in the business department at Gardner-Webb.

“Gardner-Webb will remember Betty Logan as a professor who dearly loved her students and who went above the call of duty to assist other faculty members by sharing her expertise in the use of office equipment,” shared Dr. Bob Morgan, Gardner-Webb professor emeritus of French.

Photo from 1973 Gardner-Webb "Anchor" yearbook

“Betty had a very keen mind, which helped her to have a wonderful sense of humor. She was already on the faculty at Gardner-Webb when I joined in 1967. She was one of the people who made me feel so much at home.”

After teaching, Logan became a transcript evaluator and worked in the position until her retirement from Gardner-Webb in 1989, when she was named associate professor emerita of business.

“During the years that Betty and I taught at Gardner-Webb, the motto was, ‘People Who Care,’” Morgan reflected. “Betty was a living exemplification of that concept.”

In her retirement, Logan remained heavily involved in her community. At First Baptist Church in Forest City, she served in various leadership positions, taught Sunday school and was a longtime member of the church choir. She also worked as a volunteer with the

Rutherford Hospital Auxiliary and enjoyed a stitchery craft known as crewel. Her husband of 62 years, James Wells Logan, was also well known in the community as co-owner of the family business, Logan Hardware in Forest City.

A memorial service for Logan is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Padgett and King Mortuary chapel. Visitation will follow the service, and interment will be in Cool Springs Cemetery in Forest City.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).