

## Katherine Firth Glazier

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Kathy died after suffering with Alzheimer's disease for 18 years. Her roommate, Bette Keck Peterson, wrote: "Kathy was such a kind, intelligent and caring person. Few people realized just how brilliant she was - a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and a woman who continued academic, literary and language studies until no longer able to do so.

She and Earl, her husband of 47 years, began an odyssey soon after marriage that took them to live on 5 continents and in 21 countries. While Earl pursued his career in international banking, Kathy earned two teaching certificates and taught at Hyde Park High School in Johannesburg, South Africa and at The International School in Hong Kong. She became fluent in many languages, including Mandarin Chinese and also wrote prolifically."

Diana Diggin remembers that "Kathy became a dear friend of mine during our last two years at MHC. I loved her long letters from India, Pakistan, Hong Kong or wherever they were living in their early years abroad. She wrote stories of hiring an *amah* (a child-caregiver) or a gardener, and then realizing that their employees' salary supported an entire Indian family (who often lived in a shack in the back garden!); of sacred cows wandering the streets of New Delhi; of travels to exotic places I knew only from books or National Geographic - places that today hardly exist in the state in which she knew them; and of carting three small children (Earl, Jr., Wendy and Matthew) around a world that was not yet as small as it seems now.

I loved seeing her at the few reunions she attended and miss knowing that she is still among us. At the time of her death, she was also the grandmother of three."