

Harrison County Community Foundation

Madge Ashton Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Madge Ashton Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by her family. Madge was born on June 2, 1919 in Elizabeth, Indiana to John Edgar and Zelma Cline Ashton. One of five children, four sisters and a brother, she died on September 17, 2010 in Hazard, Kentucky.

Madge was brought up in the Elizabeth Methodist Church and graduated from Elizabeth High School. At Hanover College, Madge majored in physical education and participated and excelled in numerous sports. She was a member of Phi Mu Sorority, Rho Chapter. Miss Ashton enlisted in the U.S. Army Medical Specialists Corps in 1943 and was trained in physical therapy. Her assigned deployments, for further study and practice, included: Walter Reed Hospital, Washington D.C.; Fort Lawson, Georgia; El Paso, Texas; Veteran's Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky; Warm Springs, Georgia and Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Her other deployments were: Percy Jones in Battle Creek, Michigan; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Sam Houston, Houston, Texas; and Heidelberg, Germany. Her post graduate studies were completed at the University of Texas School of Medicine and Rehabilitation in 1947 in Galveston, Texas.

After serving 13 years, Major Madge Ashton left the military and went to Harlan, Kentucky as a physical therapist when Miners Memorial Hospital first opened in 1956. The hospital later became Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital, from which she retired after 28 years of exemplary service.

For nearly 60 years, the dedicated Physical Therapist Madge Ashton kept up her membership in the American Association of Physiotherapists. She was noted for her outstanding medical skills and her efficiency as a Physical Therapy practitioner and department head.

Madge's snow white hair made her recognizable in the community where she frequently and openly spoke her opinions on civic and national issues. She was an avid fan of all sports, a collector of coins and stamps, and addicted to crossword puzzles. Madge loved automobiles and on sight could recognize all makes and models. She devoured news magazines and newspaper articles, and enjoyed reading books on political figures.

The family of Madge Ashton created this scholarship to encourage students to pursue a career in physical therapy. The primary purpose of the fund is to provide educational scholarships to graduating seniors of South Central High School who have applied and been accepted as students at an accredited public or private institution of higher learning. Priority is given to students planning to obtain a degree in Physical Therapy, Physical Therapy Assistance, Sports Medicine, or Nursing. By establishing this scholarship endowment fund, the Ashton Family believes they have chosen a fitting way to honor one of World War II's "Greatest Generation" and a beloved member of their family.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Major Madge Ashton, US Army Retired
June 2, 1919 - September 17, 2010



Capt. Madge Ashton Nurse in Heidelberg, Germany (AIFMTC, KANSAS CITY, MO., Aug. 1 — Army Nurse (Capt.) Madge Ashton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ashton, Elizabeth, is a physical therapist at the 130th Station Hospital in Heidelberg, Germany. Captain Ashton arrived overseas on this tour of duty last December after an assignment at Fort Knox, Ky. She first entered the Army Nurse Corps in 1943. (U. S. Army Photo)

Elizabeth High School Basketball Schedule



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