

Cleona Vey Bart

I entered the University of Colorado in 1943 at age 18 on a four year program leading to a Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree, graduating in June 1947. My 36 months in the Cadet Nurse Corps was 1944 to 1947. The first year was at Boulder, while the final two years were at Colorado General Hospital in Denver.



Cleona Bart in summer uniform



Induction to Cadet Corps, 1944

During training there were three affiliations away from Colorado General: Psychiatric care at Colorado State Mental Hospital in Pueblo, Tuberculosis care at National Jewish Hospital in Denver, and Public Health Nursing in Greeley, CO.



In class during senior year

After graduation with the Bachelor of Science Nursing degree in June 1947, I registered in both **Colorado** and **California**. I worked at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco, then at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Vallejo, CA then one year as a Plant Nurse. While at Kaiser Permanente in 1949 I cared for a friend with Polio. She was in an Iron Lung.



Cleona on right

I met my future husband Jack Duncan in 1943 when he was stationed briefly in Colorado. We corresponded during the War, and married in 1948 in Vallejo, CA. I took time off from work when we started our family of three children, born in 1952 (Carla), 1954 (David) and 1955 (Linda).

After our children were in grade school I worked several years at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, CA. For the next eleven years (1970s) I taught Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) at Valley Memorial and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Livermore, CA. That was a great experience.



85th birthday



Nursing instructor Cleona Duncan (second from right) with LVN students (from left) Jacqueline Wolff

In 1980 I retired from nursing. We moved to the Sierra Nevada foothills in Newcastle, near Sacramento, CA where I have lived for 34 years with Jack, my husband of 66 years.