

## **Inez Thompson Bailey**

Inez Bailey was the president of Tennessee State Chapter, P.E.O., 1974-75 when she was a member of Chapter A. Her theme was, "Look beyond the stars: To God for guidance, Sisters for Understanding."

As a young girl, Inez Bailey and a group of her girlfriends made an advertisement for the beaches of Florida. The ad, featuring the girls in bathing suits, was circulated all over Florida and was made into a postcard.

Inez was born in Climax, Alabama. She attended elementary school in Alabama, completing elementary school and high school in Florida. Inez has attended Memphis State University, Memphis College of Art, and the Schuller School of Art in Maryland.

Inez was a member of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities. She served as President of the organization for two years and was a board member for four years. Inez was also a member of the Salvation Army Auxiliary and Memories, Inc. (an Alzheimer's support group). She belonged to the English Speaking Union, the Lucille McWherter Senior Citizens Center Book Club, and a book club in North Carolina.

Inez had two children. Her daughter, Faith Barcroft, is a past state president of Tennessee and a member of Chapter AB. Faith's son Paul is married and has a daughter, Lily (not only Inez's first great-grandchild but her namesake) and a son, Webb. Inez's son Joel is a tennis professional. Joel's daughter is Nina.

In 1965, Inez moved to Memphis from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her travels took her to Europe, England, the Holy Land, South America, Cuba, Nassau, Bermuda, and many places in the United States. Inez enjoyed painting and loved to garden. Other hobbies included tennis and golf.

Inez attended Second Baptist Church. She enjoyed delivering small white New Testaments to the new mothers at the Baptist Women's Hospital. Inez died December 28, 2013.