

MARY KATHERINE BRAND LANSFORD

Mary Katherine graduated from West Columbia High School in 1949. While in school she served on the staff of “The Messenger”, was a member of the cheerleading squad, and a candidate for the Halloween Carnival Queen and the Brazoria County Fair Queen contest.

She was a member of the Girl’s basketball team that advanced twice to the state tournament where she was named all-tournament.

She made her biggest mark in tennis where she was a four – year letterman. She won the District Junior Division as a freshman and sophomore (freshmen and sophomores were not allowed to advance to state) and advanced to the state tournament as a junior in 1948 and senior in 1949. In 1949, Mary Katherine won the State Girls Singles Championship – making her the first Columbia student to win an individual state title.

After leaving Columbia, she earned her degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mary and husband Jim Lansford have two children – Mike Lansford and Karen Duston – and four grandchildren.

Mary and Jim live in Alvin and operate a family insurance agency.