

The Passing of Mrs. Betty Dickey (Spouse of Former President Frank Dickey)

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I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing today of Betty Dickey. She was Frank's partner in life as well as his work.

Theirs is a shared legacy of progress and commitment to a university, whose mission is Kentucky. Their work together, which spanned decades of service and accomplishment in higher education, included some of the most transformative and important years in the history of the University of Kentucky.

Frank Dickey's tenure as UK's fifth president included the founding of our medical center and the basis for what became the community college system. His presidency — and their service — was marked by a period of incredible growth and progress, among many other signature moments.

Betty was a trusted confidant and advisor to Frank. After many years of serving at other institutions and in national leadership roles, Frank and Betty returned to Lexington. They endowed a scholarship program in their beloved College of Education, where a building proudly bears Frank's name.

Some of my earliest memories at UK involve seeing Betty at university functions and sporting events, where she delighted in being with people and a part of this community. Betty was candid and funny, vivacious and full of life. She loved her family and she loved this special place. In very important ways, the Dickey family helped make possible what we know today as the University **for** Kentucky.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Dickey family as we celebrate a life of meaning and purpose, and one so well lived.

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