

Sheila Renee "Renee" Scott, daughter of George McFarland (1890-1979) and Katherine Glenn "Kate" Norman (1892-1972) Scott, was born 4 December 1925 Michigan. She and her sister, Deindre, were "Gold Star" awardee's for perfect attendance in Girl Scout Troop No. 43.

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She graduated 1943 from Okemos High School at age 16 and went on to graduate in 1946 from Michigan State College. Renee married Jacweir "Jack" Breslin, 21 June 1947 Evanston, Cook County, Illinois.

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JACK BRESLIN MARRIES GIRL FROM EVANSTON

A romance which started at Michigan State college between Miss Sheila Renee Scott of Evanston, Ill., and Jack Breslin, formerly of Battle Creek, ace fullback on Michigan State's 1944 and 1945 football teams, culminated in their marriage Saturday evening in the Northminster Presbyterian church in Evanston.

Miss Scott, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McFarland Scott of Evanston, is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority at Michigan State college and graduated in 1946. Mr. Breslin, the son of Mrs. C. W. Fox of 963 East Michigan avenue, is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and is now employed by the Chrysler Corp. as Dodge district manager in Philadelphia. While in college he was president of his class, 1945 football captain and president of the M.S.C. union board. He is a graduate of Lakeview high school, and graduated from college in 1946.

Miss Scott was attended at the wedding by her sisters, Deirdra, Joy and Gloria Scott. Mr. Breslin's attendants were all his classmates at Michigan State. Robert Krestel of Swissvale, Pa., served as best man, and ushers were James Bryant of Battle Creek and Glenn Johnson of Grosse Ile.

Following a week's honeymoon in Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Breslin will make their home in Philadelphia.

Among the guests at the wedding were several from Battle Creek. They included Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fox; Miss Jean Breslin, the bride-groom's sister; Mr. and Mrs.

Troop No. 43 finished its Scout year with a court of awards and party for mothers. Mrs. D. J. Eames, leader, and Mrs. Clare McDurman, new assistant leader, assisting.

Flag salute and group singing were led by Shirley Everett, readings were given by Deindre Scott and Renee Scott, and two accordion selections were played by Anna Crawford. Two service awards were presented by Dalsa Eames, troop president, to Anna Crawford and Marian Ewing. Girls who received five-year service stripes were: Dalsa Eames, Marian Ewing, Lula Belle Colley, Ruth Deeg and Shirley Everett. Gold stars for perfect attendance were awarded to Dalsa Eames, Donna Parmalee, Elaine Sessions, Deindre Scott and Renee Scott. Jane Cade, Marian Ewing and Lula Belle Colley were awarded silver stars. A

Robert James Breslin, his brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. James Breslin, his uncle and aunt; Robert Isaac; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lemm; and Miss Shirley Taleen, a sorority sister of the bride.

Jack and Renee were back in East Lansing by 1950 when Jack was hired as

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Jack Breslin, 68; helped Michigan university grow

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)— Jack Breslin, a major figure in the growth of Michigan State University, has died at 68.

Mr. Breslin died Tuesday at Ingham Medical Center in Lansing from bone cancer. He had suffered from the disease since 1985, a university spokeswoman said.

He retired from his administrative duties at the university in 1985 after working there for more than 30 years, but continued to serve as a consultant to the president.

As the university's chief liaison with state government, Mr. Breslin was instrumental in obtaining funding for much of the building that has taken place on the campus since 1950.

"This is a deep personal loss for me and the end of an era at Michigan State," university President John DiBiaggio said. "At a time when young people are questioning whether one individual can have an impact, they have only to look at the life and career of Jack Breslin

to inspire them, and this inspiration might be his greatest legacy."

Mr. Breslin began working for the university in 1950 as assistant director of alumni relations. He later served in other positions including director of placement, assistant to the president and vice president for administration and public affairs.

"Michigan State University has lost one of its greatest, most loyal sons, and the state of Michigan has lost one of its finest citizens," Michigan Gov. James Blanchard said.

Mr. Breslin earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Michigan State and won six varsity letters.

School officials earlier had honored Mr. Breslin by naming a student recreation center, which will be the site of Spartan basketball games, the Breslin Student Events Center. It is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1989.

Survivors include his wife, Renee, and sons, Jay, John and Brian.

assistant director of alumni relations at Michigan State College. Over the next 4 decades Jack held several different positions at Michigan State including Vice President for Administration and Public Affairs. He and Renee also raised 3 sons, Jacweir (Jay) Breslin, Brian Scott Breslin, John Thomas Breslin III, who all attended Okemos schools. Jack, born 23 June 1920, succumbed to cancer 2 August 1988.

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CORPORATE POST FOUND RENEE BRESLIN

Renee Breslin always thought she would be a homemaker and mother.

At one time, her life centered around keeping house for her husband and three sons and community involvement through the Junior League of Lansing and other groups.

Now, she is a corporate officer in a cosmetics business.

The career that has taken her all the way to the vice-presidency of the national corporation began one day when, on a whim, she bought a sample kit.

"I had been using the product and thought it was excellent," she said. But it was hard to get items as quickly as she wanted. When she attended a party at a friend's home where the products were being distributed, she made a fateful remark.

"If I had 'two pins,' I'd take one of those kits (sample packages of the products)," she said to her friends, Jean Brown, who was a distributor. That would entitle Breslin to an account number enabling her to order her own cosmetics direct from the company.

Brown replied, "I have two pins!" And Breslin was in business.

Vanda Beauty Counselor sells cosmetics to independent salespersons who, in turn sell to customers in their homes.

Back in 1967, when Breslin bought her first Beauty Counselor kit, it cost \$10.85. Today, the sample show case and product and technique manual cost \$52.50, an escalation matching Breslin's career pace.

"It's the best of both worlds for a woman," she explained. "She doesn't have to give up home and family. Nobody says, 'you must do this or you'll get fired.' And you can give yourself a raise any time you want to."

It wasn't long before Breslin was outselling her fellow saleswomen. "I borrowed



my friends' faces," she said. "They let me practice my cosmetics on them, and they would end up buying." She added that, back in those days, it was a very proper world. It was "White gloves, please, and wear a hat, Madame!" when she went to someone's home to show her wares.

Advancement came early. "I was recruiting (new saleswomen) without intending to, because I was so enthusiastic about the product. And I was winning recruitment prizes without trying."

She moved up from counselor to unit manger to district manager, and then, in 1969, came the big move.

She was invited to lunch by a group of men, some of whom she knew to be officers of the company. Beauty Counselor was merging with Dart Industries, and the new officers were checking her out, though she didn't know it at the time. They offered her an area managership of three states. It was her first salaried position.

Today, she is vice president of corporate training and education.

All the company staff training takes place at Breslin's office, although the central offices are in Orlando, Fla. "it's here because this is where I live," Breslin

explained. "I like being apart from the central office. It makes my work here my sole responsibility."

She and her secretary, Betty Elliott, arrange accommodations and train all field staff, regional sales managers, and distributors.

It also is a suitable arrangement because another part of Breslin's life takes place largely in Michigan. She maintains the role of homemaker and mother.

"My husband's position is very demanding," she said, "and I can adjust my schedule to accommodate his." He is Jacweir (Jack) Breslin, vice president for administration and public affairs at Michigan State University.

The Breslins' three sons, all grown, have enjoyed their mother's busy life. "They shared in the extra fun it has brought into our lives, and like to have me talk to their friends about my work."

Jay Breslin (Jacweir Jr.) is an engineer with Mobil Oil Co., living in Shawnee, Okla. He is the only bachelor in the family. "The rest of us are all working on that," Breslin said.

Second son Brian is vice president of consumer relations at Meijer's. He and his wife and three children live in Ada in a 104-year-old farmhouse where he is a weekend farmer. John, the youngest, was just married in September. He is with Marriott Corp. in Schaumburg, Ill.

Cooking is another activity Breslin enjoys. "I liked to cook when I had people to cook for. And I like to entertain and try out new recipes." She added that she is guilty of trying new things out on guests, rather than practicing them first. She collects cookbooks and has a special set of Junior League editions. "I like to read them, like men read sports magazines," she said. She said she feels the nicest compliment one can give a hostess is to ask her for a recipe. "Many of my favorite things come from friends' recipes. And they never leave out any secret ingredients," she said.

Breslin looks back with pleasure on many things which she feels contributed to her unusual success. "Things I studied in school and college gave me an edge," she said. Speech courses gave her practice in facing groups and helped her feel comfortable behind a podium. "Clubs and organizations have helped me work with people."

She also practiced the advice she gives trainees who come through her office: "Keep opening doors and walking through them."

On 30 December 1989 the Lansing State Journal published a marriage license for John Truitt Welsh, 60, Pine Grove, CA and Sheila Renee Breslin, 64, East Lansing, MI. John Welsh, son of Stanton Parks and Ruth (Ockerman) Welsh, was born 12 December 1928 California. He first married Patricia Mae Dunlap who died August 1989.

One of the major legacies from the larger than life legacy of Jack, "Mr. MSU," is the MSU Breslin Cancer Center, also called "Jack & Renee Breslin Cancer Research Center, a Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium founding member, is an outpatient cancer center which treats thousands of patients each year, and is located on the McLaren Greater Lansing campus. The Breslin Student Center was also named for Jack.

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STOPPING IN TO SAY HELLO AGAIN

Renee (Breslin) Welsh will never lose her Spartan spirit.

Sunday, she and her second husband, John Welsh, welcomed more than 100 of their close friends at a gathering at the Nokomis Learning Center in Okemos.

"They're improving. We have to think about that," Renee said, cheerily, commenting on the University of Michigan's 45-28 win over the Michigan State University Spartans. "They're going to do better next time."

Renee's green and white attitude developed with her many years of marriage to her first husband. Jack Breslin, an MSU vice president. He died of cancer in 1988. In addition, the Breslin boys - Jay, Brian and John - are all former Spartan athletes.

Guests at the meet and greet gathering sipped champagne and sparkling cawtabwa, snacked on shrimp and crab quiche, and enjoyed delicate petit fors, amidst the beautiful artwork by American Indians. the Okemos facility provided a warm setting - and there was a good reason to have it there. Renee was instrumental in its development, and chair of the capital fund-raising campaign.

Though they miss this community, the Welsh's say they are enjoying the Arizona weather and have made many friends there.

Sherrie Paty Barber '66

Renee and John later divorced but, as of 2018, she continued to enjoy life, spending time reading, knitting hats that she donates to underprivileged schools,

jigsaw puzzles (do NOT attempt to work on her puzzles for her!), watching the antics of her cat Teddy, loving her ever-growing family, and faithfully following Spartan sports. Her son Brian was the President of the MSU Board of Trustees.

Laurel Winkel '68

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Renee Scott Breslin

Born Sheila Renee Scott on December 4, 1925, Renee was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend to many people. Renee died peacefully on December 24, 2019 at the age of 94, joining her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for all eternity.

Renee was preceded in death by her husband Jacweir "Jack" Breslin and is survived by her three sons, Jacweir (Jay) Breslin, Brian Scott Breslin, John Thomas Breslin III, six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Renee graduated from Okemos High School at age 16 and went on to graduate from Michigan State College (MSU) in 1946 where she met the love of her life, Jack. Renee helped establish the Okemos Chieftan Booster Club in the 1960's, chaired the initial capital fundraising campaign for the Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center, was Vice President of Sales for Vanda Corporation in the 1970's-80's, and was involved in many other church and community organizations.

Renee will be buried next to her husband Jack in a private family ceremony.

Persons interested in making a memorial donation may do so to "The Jack Breslin Distinguished Chair in Clinical Oncology Endowment", payable to Michigan State University (with allocation code AR0813 in the memo section) mailed to: University Advancement Spartan Way 535 Chestnut Road Room 300 East Lansing, MI 48824 OR Spectrum Health Foundation 100 Michigan Street N.E.

Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (to support Spectrum's hospice services)

