



Lu Fendig

Lu Fendig was one of the top lady tennis players in Glynn County history. A standout at Glynn Academy, Lu won region singles championships in 1973 and 75 while reaching the state semifinals and finals in both those years. At age 18, she won the Georgia-South Carolina Junior Tennis Tournament and also the Southland Tournament held in Savannah.

Lu was one of the first female athletes to receive a scholarship at the University of Georgia, where she played for four years, playing Nos. 1 and 2 singles and No. 1 doubles for the Lady Bulldogs. She was asked to play on the UGA volleyball team, but declined to concentrate on her tennis career.

After graduating from Georgia, Lu turned professional and traveled the world playing on various tennis tours including the Southern and Penn circuits. She was once accepted into the qualifying draw for Wimbledon doubles and earned enough points to achieve a No. 245 world singles ranking.

Also as a professional, Lu was a national doubles champion or finalist on all surfaces and a singles hardcourt finalist. She was a two-time winner of the Southern Open 30s and was ranked No. 11 nationally in the singles 40 and 45 age divisions in the same year. While playing on the senior women's national circuit, she won five gold, silver and bronze balls. She won the national clay court Mother-Daughter Championship in 2003 after reaching the finals in 1996.

A certified teacher by the United States Professional Tennis Association, Lu owned her own shop at the King and Prince on St. Simons Island, where she gave lessons to both local residents and visitors. She was later employed as a part-time instructor at Sea Island. She has taught the game to people of all ages throughout her career.

Lu was inducted into the Glynn County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014.

Lu enjoyed photography and particularly enjoyed capturing images of wildlife but especially people. She was published many times, locally, regionally and in several international publications, such as National Geographic for her exquisite wildlife scenes.

Lu was also an avid duplicate bridge player and was a member at the SSI Duplicate Bridge Club. She met many people and made many friends while playing bridge.

Lu lived her entire life on St. Simons Island and resided locally on the family property in

King City. She was predeceased by her father, Edwin R. Fendig Jr.

She is survived by her mother, Betty Bruce Fendig; two brothers, Edwin R. Fendig III (Deborah) and Bruce Fendig (Teri). Her niece and nephew are Claire and Jack Fendig.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home, 3321 Glynn Ave., Brunswick, Ga.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 8, 2021, at Christ Church Cemetery, 6329 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island, Ga.

Donations can be made to St. Simons Presbyterian Church or the College of Coastal Georgia to establish the Lucy Wynn Fendig Women's Tennis Endowed Scholarship. Please include Fendig Tennis in the memo line.

Make checks payable to: College of Coastal Georgia Foundation Inc., One College Drive, Brunswick, GA 31520.

Memorial contributions may also be made online at <https://www.ccgga.edu/page.cfm?p=532>.

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