

Nancy Dickerson Whitehead

Class of 1944

After Graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 1948, Nancy Hanschmann Dickerson Whitehead worked as a teacher, researcher and radio producer before being named the first female correspondent for CBS News in 1960. She covered the presidential election, President John F. Kennedy's funeral and the civil rights movement. Known professionally as Nancy Dickerson, she joined NBC in 1963, covering national news and politics until 1970. She then formed her own production company and produced award-winning shows, including a Watergate documentary and historic interviews in 1980 with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. Whitehead, the mother of eight children, lived in New York and was in a variety of civic and charitable organizations. She died in 1997.

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