

MISS AMERICA - 1956

Name in Full Sharon Kay Ritchie Age - 18
Street Address 901 Kearney Street
City and State Denver, Colorado
Where Born McCook, Nebraska Date of Birth - 1/12/37
Parents' Name Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Ritchie

EDUCATION
 High School---Graduated in 1954 from Grand Island High School
 College---COLORADO WOMAN'S COLLEGE - attended 1 year

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION---At the moment would like to study fashion buying at Tobe-Colburn School of Fashions in New York, but hopes to also pursue further study in dramatics.

TALENT Verse narrative - "The Murder of Lidice" by Edna St. Vincent Millay, selected from her favorite poetic narrator.

MEASUREMENTS

Height	5'6"	Weight	116
Bust	35"	Hips	35"
Waist	23"		

Color Hair - Reddish Brown Color Eyes - Blue Complexion - Medium

Attributes Health, Beauty and Happiness to - "A high sense of morality and a keen belief in destiny, together with a firm faith in Christianity."

The Miss Colorado Pageant was directed by the Denver Junior Chamber of Commerce at Denver, Colorado. Miss Ritchie is the first Miss Colorado to become Miss America.

Notes:--Miss Colorado was chosen Freshman Beauty Queen at Colorado Woman's College, Denver...Received the Laurice Carlin Award at Colorado Woman's College for the most outstanding freshman and was Class President...Taught Sunday School at Grand Island, Nebraska, discontinuing only because of greater age requirement in Denver... Active member for five years of Christian Youth Fellowship, discontinuing because of change of address...Member of First Christian Denomination (Baptist)...Interested in fashions since she began working at fourteen as a fashion selector and model for teen-agers in a Grand Island, Nebraska, department store...Interest in dramatics began at fifteen when she played a role in The Bishop's Mantle, a High School production...Her favorite recipe is for Deviled Fudge Cake.