



In Memoriam
AILEEN HAMILTON HEDLUND
PAST GRAND MATRON
1924-2014

Once again the Golden Chain has been broken and Past Grand Matron Aileen Hedlund passed through the Heavenly Gates on March 11, 2014.

Sister Aileen was born in Wayside, Kansas on June 24, 1924. Moving to California in 1943, she worked as a switchboard operator at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard where she met her husband Don. They were married in 1945 and were blessed with 2 daughters. Don's 30 year career in the Air Force kept the family busy and Aileen became a domestic engineer organizing many moves over those years including activities in Girl Scouts, fraternal organizations and Base Family Services.

Aileen joined OES in 1966 in Hinsdale, Montana. Upon moving to Seattle, she joined Daylight Chapter, serving as Worthy Matron in 1982. She presided as Worthy Grand Matron in 1991 at the "A Wayside on The Road of Life" Session with Brother J.P. Fitzsimmons as her Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Aileen served on the board at the Masonic Retirement Home, was a member of the Daughters of the Nile, a member of the Shriner's Children's Hospital Orthopedic Guild, and ESTARL.

Family memories are filled with her attention to detail and her eternal optimism. We will remember her for her beautiful smile and gracious manner. She will also be remembered for expressive readings, love of puzzles, word and puns. Heaven will be brighter for her megawatt smile.

Aileen is survived by her daughters, Janet Kaye and Derris Humphrey and many nieces and nephews and all of her Masonic friends.

*"We feel so sad when those we love
Are called to live in "the Home Above"-
But they have but gone to prepare the way
And we'll meet them again some happy day-
For God has told us that nothing can sever
A life He created to live on forever-
So let God's promise soften our sorrow
And give us new strength for a brighter tomorrow"*

That all may share in this Tribute to her memory, we ask that this Memorial be read at the first stated meeting after its receipt, and the Altar draped in her memory.

Stephanie Hoye
Worthy Grand Matron

Rodger Collins
Worthy Grand Patron

Irene Jacobs
Grand Secretary