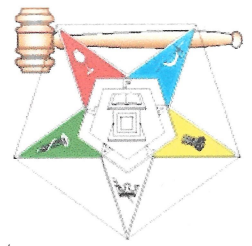




In Memoriam
BEVERLY J. LANGE RILEY
PAST GRAND MATRON
1923 - 2012



Only 274 days left until Christmas when our beloved Past Grand Matron Beverly Lange Riley passed away peacefully on March 31, 2012 surrounded by her family.

Sister Bev was born in Bellingham on July 18, 1923, to Charles and Lucile Sly. She was the eldest of three sisters. Sister Bev married Tommy Oakes in 1941, raised three children in Sedro-Woolley. In the 1970's she moved to Port Townsend and married Tom Riley in 1985. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and proudly served on the church vestry.

Sister Bev was a loved and valued member of the Order of Eastern Star being initiated into Cyrene Chapter #110 on December 20, 1966 and later, on February 15, 1977 becoming a dual member of Key City Chapter #71. She served as a Worthy Matron in 1973-74 for Cyrene Chapter and in 1978-79 and 1997-98 in Key City Chapter. She served as a Deputy Instructor in 1974-75 for PGM Alexandra Schencking and PGP Jim Cummings and in 1980-81 served as Grand Electa for PGM Mary Jane Sommerfield and PGP James Maulden.

In 1981 Sister Bev was elected to the Grand Line as Associate Grand Conductress, serving during 1984-1985 as Worthy Grand Matron. She presided at her *'Spirit of Christmas Session'* held in Seattle with WGP Sam Alford at her side.

In her Acceptance Speech when installed as Worthy Grand Matron, June 30, 1984 Sister Bev stated:

Today is mine. It is unique. Nobody in the world has one exactly like it. It holds the sum of all my past experiences and all my future potential. I can fill it with joyous moments or ruin it with fruitless worry. If painful recollections of the past come into my mind, or frightening thoughts of the future, I can put them away. They cannot spoil today for me. Today is mine . . .

In the Report of the Worthy Grand Matron, June 26, 1985, Scottish Rite Temple, Seattle Sister Bev stated her belief in Christmas as:

*Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year,
 More than a day of joy and good cheer.
 Christmas is really God's pattern for living
 To be followed each day by unselfish giving.
 Then peace on earth will come to stay,
 When we live Christmas Day.*

May we always keep Christmas in our hearts . . .

Sister Bev is survived by husband Tom Riley; children Leslie (Ken) Anderson, Marty Randall, Tom (Cheryl) Oakes; stepchildren Tom (Lynne) Riley, Barbara (John) Peterson, Pauline (Donald) Monk; sister Carol Waddell; 12 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and countless lifelong friends.

A memorial service was held April 10, 2012 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Port Townsend. The family requested that contributions be made to Hospice of Jefferson County, 2500 W Sims Way, Suite 300, Port Townsend, or to your favorite charity.

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

Gloria Schwartz

Frank Pascoe

Worthy Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron

Sandra K. Henry
Grand Secretary