



*In Memoriam*  
**SYLVIA GRACE WICKS PALMER**  
**PAST GRAND MATRON 1995-1996**  
**1925-2018**



An angel has returned to Heaven to watch over us. Sylvia Palmer, Past Grand Matron, entered those Heavenly gates on February 8, 2018. Sister Sylvia was born in Seattle on September 24, 1925 to Charles E. and Lillian Pearl Wicks. She joined brothers Joseph and Rogers and sister Marie, growing up on Capitol Hill. Sylvia attend Broadway High and became a lifelong friend to many of those classmates.

Sylvia was a faithful member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and loved Sunday school and especially the music played and sung in the Thompson Memorial Chapel. She learned to play the piano which allowed her to enjoy playing sacred music for the rest of her life.

Attending a dance school, she met a young merchant marine, Rodney Benjamin Palmer. They were married at St. Mark's Cathedral in 1945. They raised two daughters Stephana and Patricia. Sylvia is also survived by three grandchildren and six great grand children.

Sister Sylvia earned a BA degree in sociology/education from the University of Washington and a Master's Degree in Arizona. Rodney's work took them to many locations and Sylvia taught in elementary schools in Arizona, Utah, Portugal and North Dakota. When she returned home to Bainbridge Island, she taught school in Poulsbo until her retirement.

Sylvia and Rod were initiated into Williams # 34 in Arizona on October 20, 1960 and affiliated with Bainbridge #231 in 1966. Sylvia took great joy in both Eastern Star and Rainbow, and a quote from her writings include "being part of the International Order of Rainbow for girls and OES was pure pleasure." As she rose to the Grand East in 1995 she wrote "I was privileged to meet the most wonderful people on Earth". She passionately adopted the Rainbow creed, "Be of some service every day" as her own and worked to emulate it throughout her life experiences.

*I have a place in Heaven, please don't sing sad songs for me,  
For I am in a perfect place away from pain and tears.  
I have a place in Heaven with the Master at my side.  
My life on earth was very good as earthly life can go,  
But Paradise is so much more than anyone can know.  
My heart is filled with happiness and sweet rejoicing too.  
To walk with God is perfect peace, a joy forever new.*

A celebration of Sylvia's life will be held March 10, 2018 at the Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center, 1500 13<sup>th</sup> ST, Bremerton, 98337. She requests memorial gifts to the Kitsap Humane Society, Poulsbo or the North Kitsap Fishline, Poulsbo.

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

*Jean Ballard*  
**Worthy Grand Matron**

*Irene Jacobs*  
**Grand Secretary**

*Al Cramer*  
**Worthy Grand Patron**