



In Memoriam
CATHARINE "KIT" WELLS
PAST GRAND MATRON
1930 – 2012

Our whacky, witty, and wonderful Past Grand Matron Catharine "Kit" Wells, passed away at her home on Thursday May 9, 2012, at the age of 81.

Sister Kit was born in Seattle, Washington on October 5, 1930 to Dorothy and Harold Aune. She graduated from Broadway High School and went on to study at Central Washington College in Ellensburg. On June 19, 1948 she married Jack D. Wells and they shared 58 years together before his passing in August, 2006. They had three children, two daughters and a son.

Sister Kit was initiated into *Occidental Chapter #28* on September 20, 1967, primarily so she could attend the Occidental Assembly Rainbow meetings and support her daughters. She held several offices before being elected to the line in *Occidental*, serving as Worthy Matron in 1980 with her husband, Jack, as her Worthy Patron. She served again 25 years later in 2005 with Phil Aamodt as her Worthy Patron. She was a Deputy Instructor in 1981 for PGM Barbara Hedden and PGP John Murphy and Chairman of the Deputies in 1984 for PGM Beverly Lange Riley and PGP Sam Alford. In 1987 she served as Grand Marshal for PGM Margaret Morgan and PGP Don Beck.

In June 1991 Sister Kit was elevated to the position of Worthy Grand Matron with Brother Cecil Black serving with her as Worthy Grand Patron. Their 'Garden of Joy Session' was held June 25-27, 1992 in Yakima with their motto "Let's Have Fun in '91 – Share Joy With You in '92". In her WGM report she said "A delicious sensation of Joy and thankfulness keeps bubbling in my soul as I reflect on the kindnesses shown, and the rich blessings given."

She is survived by her daughters Kate Kalmbach of Bothell, WA and Gerry Mosler (Terry) of Seattle, WA. Her son, George, passed away in 1999. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, one brother, 2 sisters and more friends than we could possibly count.

*Life is a journey of sweetness and sorrow
Of yesterday's memories and hopes for tomorrow,
Of pathways we chose and detours we face,
With patience and humor, courage and grace,
Of joys that we've shared and people we've met,
Who have touched us in ways we will never forget.*

She has laid down her gavel and we will miss her.

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.

Gloria Schwartz
Worthy Grand Matron

Sandra K. Henry
Grand Secretary

Frank Pascoe
Worthy Grand Patron