



In Memoriam  
BARBARA HEDDEN  
PAST GRAND MATRON  
October 11, 1932- April 27, 2023

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Sister Barbara Hedden to the Grand Chapter on high on April 27, 2023. Sister Barbara, along with Brother John E. Murphy hosted the "Words of Love" Session of the Grand Chapter of Washington in Seattle on June 24 – June 26, 1982.

Sister Barbara was born in Tacoma, Washington to Ray and Edna Sweet on October 11, 1932. She graduated from Fife High School in 1950. On June 15, 1951, she married Ken Hedden and they moved to Palmer Alaska. In 1953, they moved to Tenino to establish Hedden's Pharmacy and to raise their family.

Sister Barbara was initiated into Alice Chapter #32 on February 17, 1966, and held many offices before serving as Worthy Matron in 1973, with her husband, Ken, as her Worthy Patron. She was a Deputy Instructor in 1974 for PGM Alexandra Schencking and PGP Jim Cummings. In 1976 she served as Grand Martha for PGM Gloria Radtke and PGP Andy Haapala. In June 1981 Sister Barbara was elevated to the position of Worthy Grand Matron with Brother John E. Murphy serving with her as Worthy Grand Patron. Their 'Words of Love Session' was held June 24-26, 1982, in Seattle, Washington with their motto "Serve with love in your hearts". The session was dedicated to her loving husband Ken and their children, Shirley, Dale, Brian, Janet and Carol. She wasn't done yet and again served as Worthy Matron in 1994. She became a Life Member in 1997 of Alice Chapter #32, which merged with Trinity and then merged with Olympia Chapter. February 17, 2023, marked 57 years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star. She was also a member of South Thurston County Historical Society, Tenino Wooden Money Society, the United Churches of Olympia and a 75-year member of East Hill Grange.

Barbara loved her family, traveling, sewing, baking, collecting recipes and spending winters at her home in Yuma, Arizona.

Sister Barbara is survived by her children: Shirley (Duane) Johnson, Dale, Brian (Robin), Janet Hedden, and Carol (Rick) Erickson. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Ken (Josie) Johnson, Kristin Gayle, Brent (Crystal) Hedden, Laura (Carl Jonientz) Hedden, Marc (Randi Nandyal Hedden, Ryan (Hunter) Erickson and Great Grandchildren, Chloe, Carly and Kyra Johnson, ZooeY Gayle, Carter and Avery Hedden and siblings Jerry (Gailwyn) Sweet, Roger Sweet and Marilyn Anderson, and more friends than we could possibly count. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Ken and her parents.

The services for PGM Barbara Hedden will be Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at United Churches of Olympia, 110 - 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Olympia WA 98501. Funeral arrangements are made by Funeral Alternatives of Washington. To leave memorials and condolences go to [www.funeralalternatives.org](http://www.funeralalternatives.org). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tenino Depot Museum, P.O. Box 339, Tenino, Washington 98589 or to Ballet Northwest, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization at P.O. Box 2888, Olympia, Washington 98507

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.

Pamela Rookard  
Worthy Grand Matron

Patricia DeMuth  
Grand Secretary

Chuck Kent  
Worthy Grand Patron