

Joanne Clark
Past Grand Matron
1941 - 2010

Our beloved Past Grand Matron Joanne Clark joined her Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 25, 2010.

PGM Joanne was born in Roseburg, Oregon, on December 31, 1941 to Ted and Kathryn Roadman and spent her youth on the family farm in Umpqua, Oregon. She was an active participant in 4-H with Jersey cows, cooking and sewing. She graduated from Oakland High School in 1960, where she met and subsequently married Brother Jerry Clark. Brother Jerry and Sister Joanne celebrated 50-years of marriage on November 5, 2010.

Sister Joanne was initiated on February 23, 1961 into Oakland Chapter #91, Oregon, and on December 9, 1986 joined Priscilla Chapter #96. She was a life time member of both chapters. She served as a Sea Belle Deputy Instructor in 1995-96 for PGM Sylvia Palmer and was chosen to serve as Grand Adah in 1998-1999.



On June 28, 2006 Sister Joanne was elevated to the position of Worthy Grand Matron with PGP Terry Wiggins at her side. In her acceptance speech as Worthy Grand Matron Sister Joanne stated, *“The watchwords are ‘faith,’ ‘honor’ and ‘love.’ Faith in our God and our country; honor of our flag and our freedom; and love to God and to our fellow man. If we could all live by this creed it would be a much better world to live in.”* Her Grand Family was known as the Heritage Grand Family.

Sister Joanne is survived by her beloved husband, Jerry; daughters Julie Winans, husband Darrell, and Janice Laviolette, husband Kelly; two brothers; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

*I still hear the songs,
I still see the lights.
I still feel your love,
On a cold wintery night.*

*I still share your hopes,
and all of your cares,
I'll even remind you to,
Please say your prayers.*

*I just want to tell you,
you still make me proud,
you stand head and shoulders,
above all the crowd.*

*Keep trying each moment,
to stay in His grace,
I came here before you,*

to help set your place.

*You don't have to be,
perfect all the time,
He forgives you the slip,
if you continue to climb.*

*To my family and friends,
please be thankful today,
I'm still close beside you,
in a new way.*

*I love you all dearly,
now don't shed a tear,
cause I'm spending my,
Christmas with Jesus this year.*

I love you all dearly and am sending hugs of support and love your way!

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.

Linda Runyan
Worthy Grand Matron

Richard 'Dick' Weigel
Worthy Grand Patron

Sandra K. Henry
Grand Secretary