

In Memoriam MARJOE ANN RICHARDS PAST GRAND MATRON 2007 -2008 September 22, 1938 - July 4, 2023



Heaven gained a beautiful star when Marjoe Ann Richards left us on July 4, 2023, to join the spirits of our Sisters and Brothers gone before to their eternal homes. Sister Marjoe, along with Brother Philip Green hosted the "*Come to the Land of Enchantment*" Session of the Grand Chapter of Washington in Yakima on June 23 – June 25, 2008.

Sister Marjoe was born in Hollywood, California, to Richard Lee Webb and Helen Louise (Barber) Webb on September 22, 1938. She graduated from Boulder High School in Boulder, Colorado, in 1956. She attended the University of Colorado on a full scholarship and then moved to Grand Coulee, Washington, in 1977.

Sister Marjoe was initiated into Grand Coulee Dam Chapter #237 on September 25, 1980. She served as Worthy Matron in 1985, 2002 and again in 2015. She was an *Aplet* Deputy Instructor in 1987 and became Grand Representative of Missouri on December 31, 1995. Marjoe became a Life Member of Grand Coulee Dam Chapter in 1995. She was the Eastside Chairman of the *Octopi* Deputy Instructors in 1998. In 2003 she served as Grand Electa for PGM June Lee and PGP Paul Runyan. In June 2007, Sister Marjoe was elevated to the position of Worthy Grand Matron with Brother Phil Green serving with her as Worthy Grand Patron. Their "*Come to the Land of Enchantment*" Session was held June 23-25, 2008, with their theme "*Catch a Magic Carpet Ride*". She dedicated the year as follows: "*I have so many people in my life, from my early childhood to the present, that have influenced my journey to this place and time. I could not begin to name them all, families and friends; therefore I dedicate this year to those who have gone before, those who walk beside me today and those who are yet to come because my life is enriched by everyone I meet along the journey.*

Sister Marjoe was a Scottish Rite Charities Member of General Grand Chapter from 2012-2015. She then dualled with and became a Life Member of Evening Star Chapter #108. In 2015, Marjoe pluraled with Okanogan Chapter #113. She transferred her Life Membership from Grand Coulee Dam Chapter to Okanogan Chapter. Grand Coulee Dam Chapter merged with Evening Star Chapter in 2016.

Sister Marjoe was preceded in death by her loving husband Ron, her parents, her son Frank Lewis III, and grandson Elliott Lewis. She is survived by her children: Lereen (Orville) Neugin; Tami (Dirk) Sauerwein; Audrey (Robert) Lewis-Cook; her son R. Chan (Caroline) Ulricksen-Richards; her sisters Kathy Ennis and Sue Opp, 16 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

The services for PGM Marjoe Richards will be September 22, 2023 at 2:30 PM at Fort Gibson National Cemetery in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, where she will be laid to rest with her loving husband. Donations may be made to Fisher House, an organization that helps military families during times of medical crisis at <u>connect.fisherhouse.org</u>.

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.

Judy Turchin Worthy Grand Matron

Patricia DeMuth *Grand Secretary* **Darel Maxfield** Acting Worthy Grand Patron