

GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IN MEMORIAM Isabel Elizabeth Adams PAST GRAND MATRON 2007-2008

Isabel Elizabeth Cook-Adams, 81, passed away on Saturday, July 6, 2019 in Ozawkie, Kansas. She was born on February 21, 1938 in Meriden, Kansas, the daughter of Perry and Ellen (Sneegas) Cook.

Isabel was raised on the Perry Cook Farm and attended Meriden High School where she participated in basketball, cheerleading and home economics until graduating in 1955. After graduation she worked for a short time as a clerk at Staffer Publications in South Topeka. Later she was employed by Southwestern Bell working in the accounting department sorting toll tickets, the key punch unit, and the engineering department before retiring in 1998 after 34 years of service. After retirement she began carrying mail as a substitute rural mail carrier in Meriden for several years. She belonged to Ozawkie Rebekah Lodge #657. She was also very active in the county 4-H, helping as a club community leader, superintendent in the concession stand at the Jefferson County fair and participating in exchange trips, hosting two exchange students from Sweden and Iceland. Isabel and her husband both belonged to Mt. Pleasant Grange in Jefferson County. During her free time she enjoyed sewing, quilting, canning, baking and watching her grandkids at sporting events.

Isabel married Eldon K. Adams on October 31, 1956 in Topeka, KS. He survives. Other survivors include their children: Debra Adams, Christopher Adams (Kirsti Petesch), Amy (William "Bill") Mitchell, Brian (Stacie) Adams, and Vicki (Jason) Dressler; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Isabel was initiated into Meriden Chapter #399 Order of the Eastern Star on April 26, 1956, where she held a number of offices; including Worthy Matron in 1969, 1991, and 2011. She served the Grand Chapter as Grand Esther in 2003-2004, and was elected Worthy Grand Matron in 2007-2008. She and Brother Mike Towner presided over the "Footprints Thru Life" session in 2008. Sister Isabel was appointed as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Public Relations for the 2009-2012 Triennium.

Funeral services were held Monday July 14, 201 at Parker-Price Funeral Chapel which included an Eastern Star Memorial service led by her "Footprints Thru Life" Grand family. Memorial contributions can be made to Jefferson County Friends of 4-H or Ronald McDonald House or Alzheimer's Association all in care of the funeral home, 245 NW Independence Ave, Topeka, KS 66608.

Sister Isabel was a firm believer that you should treat people with respect and always be ready to help anyone who needed a little help or encouragement. Footprints Thru Life come from a variety of places and cross many paths. We do not always know whose footprints have crossed our paths or whose ours have crossed. The lives of many of our Sisters and Brothers have been greatly enriched by walking alongside Isabel's footprints. Sadly, Sister Isabel's prints have stopped here on earth but journeyed on to that house not made with hands. In our sorrow we are again reminded how brief is our earthly existence, but gladdened by the words "I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again and receive you unto Myself that where I am ye may be also".

In loving remembrance of our departed Past Grand Matron, please read this Memorial at the first stated meeting after its receipt and the Charter be draped for 30 days.

Garrie Oppitz Worthy Grand Matron

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Ronald Kammerer Worthy Grand Patron

Christy Hard Grand Secretary