



GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
IN MEMORIAM
DARLENE MACK
PAST GRAND MATRON 1970-1971

Darlene Mack, 94, Eaglecrest resident, passed into the arms of her Lord, May 24, 2022. She was born Leona Darlene Chizek, September 15, 1927, in Norway, Kansas to Charles and Edith (Ames) Chizek. The family included a younger sister, Anita.

After graduation from Linn High School, she married Orrel Dale Mack from rural Clay Center. They had one daughter, Jeanette. Dale, the love of her life, died in 1984.

Darlene had many passions including cooking, sewing, reading and music. She played piano and gave lessons. Her lovely voice enhanced many special occasions. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Linn, and church organist for over 40 years and, also, directed the choir. Along with singing the soprano solo in the Linn Community Chorus at the annual Messiah presentation for many years, she sang with the Salina Chorale and was an active member of the Salina Symphony Guild. She was always interested in education and the young people of her community.

She loved to travel both in the U.S. and abroad. Some of her favorite trips were to California, the East Coast, South Dakota and to Texas to see her grandchildren. She made fabulous trips to Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Alaska.

Both the Order of the Eastern Star and P.E.O. were important in Darlene's life. She joined Star in 1949 and served as Worthy Matron of Greenleaf Chapter #208 in 1965 with her husband, Dale, as Worthy Patron. She was honored to serve as Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas in 1970-71. In 1976, she was elected a Grand Trustee and served 19 years in that capacity. She served many years on the Jurisprudence Committee and Scholarship Board. After moving to Salina in 1988, she joined Chapter BX-PEO, serving several years as treasurer and President from 1998-2000. She was Chairwoman of the state convention in 2002. She thoroughly enjoyed this organization and her sisters.

Darlene led a full and active life. Unfortunately, health problems curtailed her activities lately; however, her optimistic attitude and spunk never left her.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanette (Robert P. Pratt), Katy, TX; two grandchildren, Robert Holbrook Mack Pratt, Katy, TX, and Melissa Angelene Pratt Jimenez (Lee), Richmond, TX; her sister, Anita Singular, Linn, KS; nephews, Kent and Lee Singular, Linn; and Charles Gray, McCook, NB; and their families; plus many friends.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2022 in the Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, KS. The OES funeral service was lovingly performed by Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.


A special thank you to the nurses, aids and staff at Eaglecrest and Kindred Hospice for taking such loving care of Darlene the last years of her life.


Sister Darlene was initiated into Lula Chapter #135 Order of the Eastern Star in Allen, KS on March 19, 1949. Through the years she also held memberships in Green Leaf Chapter #208, and Washington Chapter #175, ending her service with Felicity Chapter #371 Lindborg from 2000 to present. Sister Darlene served her various chapters from 1955 through 2016, serving as Organist 18 times. She was Worthy Matron for the first time in Green Leaf Chapter #208 in 1965 and then again in 1981. She also served Felicity chapter as Worthy Matron 2 times. She received her 50 year pin in 1999.

Sister Darlene was appointed Grand Adah by Sister Elnita Jezek and Brother Carol C Arnett in 1966, and was elected Associate Grand Conductress in 1967. She and Brother Owen E. Hodgson presided over the 95th annual "Chimes of Love" session in 1971 at the Municipal Auditorium in Topeka, KS. As a special project during her term a new Organ was purchased for the Kansas Masonic Home Eastern Star Chapel. At the time of her death, Sister Darlene was Kansas Grand Chapter's most senior Past Grand Matron. The theme for the year in the Grand East was **A Symphony of Service.**

*To compose a beautiful symphony; One must first have a melody
A melody of love is best, not one filled with flats and rests.
But even a melody alone won't do, without Harmony all the way through.
It has to harmonize you see, to be in tune, in the key of B
My symphony has been filled with love, and wonderful blessings from above.*

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.


Gale Masten
Worthy Grand Matron


Tony Anderson
Worthy Grand Patron


Christy Hard
Grand Secretary