

Maxine White Passes

In Yuma Arizona on, January 3, 2004 Maxine returned to the arms of her maker. Don Smith, PGM was asked by the family to conduct the services with the aid of his Conductor, Erma Hosmer and the Chaplain of Maxine's year as an officer, Charmian Hadlock. Maxine was born in Denver, Colorado on August 13, 1932. She served as Conductor of the Rebekah Assembly under Loretta (Betty) Hannaford from 1997 to 1998. She is survived by James White, Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge in 1999-2000. Maxine was also the mother of James White Jr., Grand Conductor of Grand Lodge this year (2003-2004). The funeral parlor was full with SRO followed by burial in Sutter Cemetery. The Minnehaha Rebekahs provided the luncheon following the ceremony.

Paul Manning Passes

It is with regret that we inform you of the sad news that brother Paul Manning passed away on December 23rd. He was on life support for several days and then removed. His kidneys and liver gave up. Paul will be missed. He served as a Grand Lodge Board of Director, and was a good Odd Fellow. Please remember Paul and his family in your prayers.

George Pielenz Passes

Patriarch George Pielenz, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of California, passed away sometime during the night hours of January 19-20, 2004, in Roseville, California. He was a member of Placer Encampment #36, and an associate member of Mistletoe Historical Encampment #47. Patriarch George was elected as Grand Treasurer of Grand Encampment for the 1977-78 term, and served through the 1984-85 term. May Patriarch George be at peace in the Realm of the Supreme Being. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Frank Secoy Passes

Sad to report that Frank Secoy of Whittier Lodge #315 and Citrus Encampment #107 passed away this morning in Whittier.

Past Grand Master -

Thomas LaRose Passes

Thomas F. LaRose, PGM, died on January 7, 2004 after a fall and going into a coma. His funeral was on January 14, 2004 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Turlock. After the mass and before the priest's final blessing an Odd Fellow service was performed by acting Noble Grand Don Lang, PGM and Chaplain Gerald Poarch, GS, PGM. There were many Odd Fellow & Rebekah's attending, and all Odd Fellows wore Odd Fellow collars. After all members deposited their evergreens on

Broken Links

*You can shed a tear because
they are gone or you can
smile because they lived...*

the coffin, they formed an honor guard leaving the church. Tom was buried at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery with full military honors. Tom was initiated into Cupertino #70 Lodge in 2/26/68 and was also associate members of Hughson Odd Fellow Lodges # 461 and Lafayette Historical Lodge #65 in LaGrange. He was initiated into Philotesian Rebekah Lodge #145 on 5/7/69 and later transferred to Hughson Rebekah Lodge #366. Tom served as Grand Master in May 1990 to May 1991. Our condolences to Sister Claire, the family and close friends. May he rest in peace in the kingdom of the Supreme Being.

Ruth R. Wright

Will Be Missed By All

Ramona Rebekah Lodge #156 lost one of its own with the passing of Ruth Wright. Ruth was 92, and lived in Riverside for over 60 years. She was active in her lodge and the Ladies Encampment Auxillary and was a Past Noble Grand. She received her 50 year jewel in 1990 and will be missed by all.

Grace Harper Passes On

Grace Harper passed away at her home in San Jose, CA this past September. A past Noble Grand and Past DDP of District #3 she was active in Josephine Rebekah Lodge #14. She served many years on the Rebekah Assembly Youth Committee and was a member of Sigma Tau Theta Rho Girl's Club #92 of Santa Clara.

The events of our lives happen in a sequence in time, but in their significance to ourselves, they find their own order.

- Eudora Welty