In Memoriam
Doris May Parrish Villegas
Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star 2000

Sister Doris was initiated into Harbor Star Chapter No. 568 on October 9, 1973. Through consolidations the chapter became Scepter No. 163. Doris demitted from Scepter on March 26, 2009. She affiliated with Coachella Valley Chapter No. 360 on April 12, 2005. She also affiliated with Seaside Chapter No. 259 on May 21, 2009. She sponsored the Senior Living Community (SLC) by purchasing a Life Sponsorship in 1981. Doris received the Service Award from Scepter No. 163 on September 22, 2005.


Sister Doris’s emblem was a Castle encircled by the Heart, with Five Red Roses entwined through the Heart. Her motto: Let Us Love One Another. Her colors: Ruby Red, Sapphire Blue, Topaz, Diamond White, Emerald Green with accents of Gold. Her flower was the Red Rose, and her watchwords were Trust, Faith, Unity, and Love.

Sister Doris entered into the joy of Celestial Life on March 18, 2015. She had been a member of the Order for over 41 years and five months. In her Farewell address she said:

“...all this joins to prove to us that we do not need the brilliant beam of galaxies afar, for we are led by the constant light of a ‘one bright shining Star’ that has taught us to “Love One Another.”

The sincere sympathy of the members of the Order in California is extended to her husband Hugh; daughters Alice Raymond and husband Dale, Merle Ann Bettencourt-Fenske and husband Terry; her grandchildren Chase Raymond, James Bettencourt and wife Shannon, Andrew Bettencourt and Christeen McKenzie, and Jessica Bettencourt-Serulneck and husband Jordan; her great granddaughter Vera Lilly Bettencourt, and former son-in-law Philip Bettencourt; her Chapters; and her many sorrowing friends.

A public Memorial Service will be held in April or May.

Martha Peters
Worthy Grand Matron

Roger Nieder
Worthy Grand Patron

Maryann Barrios
Grand Secretary