

1978 Memorial Program written by Bonnie and Robert Calverley  
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Sisters and Brothers, the time is now at hand to pay solemn tribute to our beloved Sisters and Brothers who have passed through the Gateway to Eternity. We are indeed saddened by the loss of many loved ones throughout the past year. We know that the Angel of Eternity will come for each of us leading the way to a higher realm, a realm we seem to view with fear and doubt. But fear not. For our Eastern Star teachings will show us the way to gain God's favor. The lessons portrayed by the Heroines of our Order will provide a guide for us to follow, thus alleviating our fears and doubts. By keeping their lessons always foremost in our minds we will know the path our lives must take to reap the rewards of eternal happiness. And, through fervent prayer, we will find the faith necessary to unlock the gates of Heaven to us.

Song: Prayer is the Key to Heaven

The five rays of our emblematic Star form a pentagon around the sacred Altar upon which is placed the open Holy Bible. What a fitting place indeed for our Heroines to be a constant reminder to all of the beauty and significance of their lessons.

The blue ray teaches us to be faithful to all moral obligations making no exceptions. When duty calls we must meet the call with enthusiasm so that we, as Adah, may die in the light.

The yellow ray teaches us to be obedient and ever aware of our responsibilities; always keeping in mind that no burden life gives us is too heavy to bear, if we have faith in God and accept all our responsibilities in good faith.

The white ray teaches the importance of leading a pure and upright life. We must strive to be ever loyal to our family, to our friends and to our ideals. In return for our commitment, we shall receive the love and loyalty of those we hold dear; a most precious gift indeed.

The green ray teaches us to always place our faith in God, for He is an All Merciful God and He will provide us with enough grace to endure in times of sadness and distress. Hold fast to your belief in immortality and you will find comfort.

The red ray teaches us to be fervent in our endeavors to help others in need. If we practice charity we shall receive charity from others when we too are in need. Acts of unselfish love bind us to each other and to God.

We may be confident that our dear departed Sisters and Brothers have learned well these lessons taught by our Heroines and having passed through the Gateway to Eternity are now at peace. They are waiting to welcome us to our eternal home when the Angel of Eternity beckons to us. Then we also shall know the joy of eternal peace and happiness

found in Gods home a home where the soul is safe and free to walk with God for all eternity.

Song: "I'll Walk with God.