

GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
**IN MEMORIAM**  
Sherrell Kay Heft  
PAST GRAND MATRON 1995-1996

Sherrell Kay (Seacat) Heft, 77, passed away December 24, 2018. Born in Manhattan, Kansas to Russell and Lois Seacat, she moved with her family to Greensburg, Kansas in 1943. After her Greensburg High School graduation, she attended Colorado Women's College. Sherrell married Dayle Allen Heft in Clayton, New Mexico. They resided in Denver, Colorado until she graduated from the University of Denver and then they returned to Greensburg where they spent the rest of their lives. They purchased a farm and dedicated themselves to the Greensburg community. Together, they were stewards of the land, and shaped a future of farming, ranching and construction. Early on, Sherrell taught for several years in the Mullinville Grade School. After earning her Master's Degree in Child Psychology from Ft. Hays State University she devoted the rest of her career to the Greensburg School system as a Special Education teacher. Sherrell was a member of the First United Methodist Church and ever faithful in her service and volunteer work for God and her church. She served as Treasurer for many years on the Executive Board of the GHS/KCHS Alumni Association. Sherrell was a passionate patron of the Twilight Theatre and donated generously in her desire for its success and longevity. One of her favorite quotes was, 'To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect, you just have to care.'

Sherrell was dedicated to her faithfulness and time devoted to the Order of Eastern Star. She was initiated into the Star of Hope Chapter #193 on November 19, 1962 in Greensburg. In 1992 she accepted the office of Grand Chaplin. Sherrell served the Grand Office as Worthy Grand Matron for the state of Kansas in 1995-1996. She went on to hold an office in the General Grand Chapter and continued to serve her Chapter with pride and joy.

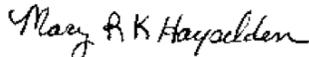
Sherrell was preceded in death by her husband, Dayle Allen Heft and her parents, Russell and Lois Seacat. Survivors include: two sons, Kevin and wife, Kim, and Steve and wife, Kristi; companion, Clair Banta; sisters, Sandra and husband, Thurn Hoffman, Serena and husband, George Ryan; six grandchildren, Kelsey and husband, Kellen Ebert, Wichita, KS, Lindsey and husband, Robert Wright, Wichita, KS, McKenzie Heft, Riann Heft and fiancé, Trevor Tyree, Maize, KS, Aaron Heft and Raygan Heft; two great-grandsons, Colston and Camden Ebert; nieces, Shannan McMahon and husband, Ken, Greta Kaufman; nephews, Matt Devin Hoelscher, Jim Heft and wife, Loretta; nieces, Tammy, Lindsey and Kelly Cram.

Funeral services and celebration of Sherrell's life were held Sat. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Chu officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery, Greensburg. Memorials are suggested to the Sherrell K. Heft Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Twilight Theatre, in care of Fleener Funeral Home, PO Box 41, Greensburg, KS 67054. A pillar of the Greensburg community; respected, admired and loved, no one will forget her loving, caring and giving nature and especially, Sherrell's hugs.

Sister Sherrell presided as Worthy Grand Matron over the 120<sup>th</sup> "The Gift of Life" annual session April 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 1996 at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka, KS. She served with Brother Donald Hendricks as Worthy Grand Patron. The aim for the year was To make a difference; To increase the love and laughter in our Chapter and to strengthen the Golden Links of Faith, Hope, Love, Harmony and Happiness through Friendship.

Blended in the beauty of memories come thoughts of our beloved PGM who has left her beautiful earthbound home to walk in everlasting joy in the majestic celestial home of God, exquisite beauty beyond our power to envision. How fortunate we are that she touched our lives with her beauty, her words of wisdom and her deeds of love. She walked in the footsteps of her Master, footsteps of gentle forbearance, courage, faithfulness, and love.

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.

  
Mary R. K. Hayselden  
Worthy Grand Matron

  
Stephen Boyer  
Worthy Grand Patron

  
Christy Hard  
Grand Secretary