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## Winnie Pearl Palmer, noted educator, is dead

By Grace McGlothen

The shocking news of the passing of Winnie Pearl Palmer, Supreme Basileus for the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. swept the country on Friday, June 20 from Las Vegas where she was a recent resident.

Winnie was known and loved by all for her sweet caring mild-mannered disposition. She was always willing to give her best not only to the master but she gave to the cause of humanity.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 23 at the First Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Las Vegas with the Rev. Tomothy L. Seals, Pastor of Hope Memorial Lutheran Church, Los Angeles officiating.

Rev. Seals told the writer that God in His infinite wisdom, called home our dear sister in Christ Jesus, Winnie Palmer. He also said that the members of Hope Memorial Lutheran Church of which Winnie was a dedicated member for many years will miss her prophetic spirit. She was dedicated to ameliorating the human condition, as was the inspired attitude of the prophets of Old. Winnie's consecrated service to God and human kind shall never be forgotten, for all her works are in God's memory.

Taking Winnie Palmer's position to carry on the leadership of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. is E. Lucille Minor who will ascend from the position of First Supreme Anti-Basileus.

Lucille Minor plans to continue with the implementation of the programs and goals of the sorority and help carry out the plans left by Winnie Palmer as mandated by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

Mrs. Minor is the wife of James H. Minor and they have three lovely children.

One of Winnie Palmer's greatest and most recent pet projects which she enjoyed working with as National Chairperson was the Assault on Illiteracy Program (AOIP). Effected through the publication of the Advancer newspaper it is a project which has brought not only Phi Delta Kappa Sorority to the forefront but many prominent national organizations as well.

Carrie Haynes, co-chairperson said that it was during the reign of former Supreme Basileus Ruby Couche that Winnie Palmer and herself took on the main AOIP instructional tool -- the family and community reading newspaper simply known as the ADVANCER.

Together they planned and led the first National Tutorial Training Workshop on Why and How to use the AOIP's affective-oriented materials in Washington, D.C. in February 1986.

They worked cooperatively in setting the goals designed to eradicate illiteracy particularly among our Black population by the year of 2000.

Winnie Palmer had pledged the total involvement of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. in the National



Assault on Illiteracy Program effort. Her organizational skills have left a firm foundation upon which to build their future efforts.

It is indeed fitting to end this article with these most appropriate lines: "Lines of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And departing leave behind us, Footprints on the sands of time."

**Personal History:**

Married to John Palmer, Retired Chief of Staff,

Radiological Department, Wadsworth Hospital, Los Angeles, California. Four daughters, one son, one stepson and seven grandchildren.

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