

MRS. SOPHIA DARBY

CLAUDE HENRY POLK of Arizona was working on the railroad as a train porter when he had a lay-over in Helene, Montana. There he met and eventually courted SOPHIA BRIDGEWATER, one of three sisters and two brothers in the Bridgewater family.

CLAUDE and SOPHIA were married and moved to Tacoma with their family in 1923. They raised four children, all of whom attended school in Tacoma. The girls graduated from Lincoln High School. They lost one son in his teens. The second son finished high school in Seattle; he died in 1942.

After Claude Polk's death at the early age of 52, Sophia remained a widow for 13 years. She then married Mr. Darby, but lost him shortly after they had moved to Seattle.

Mrs. Darby was a staunch member of the Baptist Church all of her life. She was a charter member of Tacoma's Young Matron's Club, which became known as the "Matron's Club" as the members became older.

Mrs. Darby lived a quiet life in her home in Madison Park of Seattle for many years. She and her daughters were always close "buddies." After Mrs. Darby's 92nd year, they recognized her need for closer attention and helped her move out of her home. She lived with her oldest daughter for a year, then moved to the Greenery Nursing Home where she lived until her death shortly after her 96th birthday. Mrs. Sophia Darby was always cheerful and enjoyed life to the fullest possible degree.

In Loving memory of our mother,
SOPHIA BRIDGEWATER POLK DARBY,
From her daughters,
MARJORIE and KATHRYN



MOTHER
Mrs. Sophia Bridgewater Polk Darby



Mother, with Marjorie



Mother, with Kathryn