

Memorial Poinsettias

June Barber Lowe, Edgar & Margaret Smith, Mike Smith, and Jeff Ray
By: Ed and Vicki Smith

William Howard , Kathy Howard, Drema Weatherholt & The Powell Family
By: Sarah & Mary Howard

Our Parents: Brainard & Malinda Adkins, John & Susan Call
By: Willie & Johnna Adkins

Matthew Perkins
By: Jack & Claren Perkins,
John & Olive Perkins, John & Julia Ann Brooks,
By: Jack & Claren Perkins

Willard & Roxie Feese, William & Margaret Boggess
By: Jim & Sandy Boggess

Lowell & Thelma Sebert, Donald & Elaine Westfall, Donnie Sebert
By: The Sebert Family

Glenn Holton
By: The Holton Family

Robb Miller
By: Bob & Betty Miller
Our Parents, Paul & Ethel Miller, Doswell & Katherine Ridenour
By: Bob & Betty Miller

George & Anne Carter, O.G. & Mary Alice Holbrook, Rodney Holbrook and Roxanne Holbrook Skeens , Glenn Carter
By: Georgann, Amanda, Ben & Clayton Holbrook

Our Parents, W.W. & Blanche Cornwell , Edgar and Mitz Johnson and our son, Steve Cornwell
By: Pat & Brenda Cornwell

Glen Morrison, Brent Morrison, Spencer Crews, Alka & Bill Crews
By: Greg & Gina Crews

Jerry, Geraldine & Barry
By: Terry & Robin Triplett

John Burris, Pete Burris,
By: Bob, Becky & Maggie Chenoweth
Jim & Wilda Chenoweth

Jacque Call, Dale Black, Johnny & Susan Call and Theodosia Burns
By: Mike, Lynette, Kristin Call,
Kati Jo & Hunter Higdon Family, Kara & Paul Insalaco Family

My Parents: Jim & Raye Tennant
By: Malinda Ross

Paul Turman, Sr.
By: Karen Turman
Minnis & Gladys Yeager, Bill & Mary Turman

Joan Gross & Jean Mays
By: Karen Turman
Jack Yeager, Chuck Yeager, Jonathan Yeager
By: Karen Turman

Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff, Mr. & Mrs. James O'Brien
By: Kay & Bob Ratcliff

Philip Herrold
By: Bonnie Herrold
Michael Burrell
By: Bonnie Herrold

John Griffith, my parents, and my daughter, April Kelley
By: Phyllis Griffith

Edward Ray Blake, Jr.
By: Ann Blake

The Clays, The Steffens, and The Smiths
By: Skyler & Stephanie Smith

Ron Nisbet, Brenda Cummings
By: Becky Nisbet

Frank Graves, Dennis Wyckoff, Jerry & Becky Robinson
By: Jason & Kerri Robinson

Bob & Dot Adkins and Bobby Ed & Ann Lingenfelter
By: Russ & Debbie Lingenfelter

Our Parents: Rev. Leslie & Virginia Call, Pet & Grace Luster
By: Roger & Delora Call

Our Parents: Donald & Helen Lantz, Donald and Patricia Ewing
By: Kevin & Kim Lantz and Family

Paul Turman, Sr.
By Nick & Megan Anuszkiewicz

Our Parents
By: Russ & Maridel Witten

Joan Gross, Jean Mays and Irma Shy
By: Val, Tom and Hunter Yeager

Paul Turman, Sr.
Minnis & Gladys Yeager, Bill & Mary Turman
Myrtle & Bob Blake, Robert & Ethel Preston
Jean Mays, Joan Gross, and Pearl Huddleston
By: Rob, Teresa, Laura & Lee Blake

Honorary Poinsettias

Keith Ross
By: Malinda Ross

Kristin Call, Kati Jo & Hunter Higdon & Family, Kara & Paul Insalaco and Family
By: Mike & Lynette Call

Our Grandchildren: Ella, Luke, Willow & Walker
By: Rick & Lorri Jones

Terry Jr. ,Sarah, & Eva Triplett
By: Terry & Robin Triplett

Steven & Abby Triplett
By: Terry & Robin Triplett

Maggie Chenoweth
By: Mom and Dad

Betty Burris
By: Bob, Becky & Maggie

Our Class Shut-Ins
By: Singles & More Class

Honorary Continued

Dr. Will Lester and Dr. Alexa Collazo

By: Todd & Kathy Lester

Geraldine Perry

By: Todd & Kathy Lester

Russ & Maridel Witten "Grandad & Nana"

By: Will, Eli, Owen, Haylie and Ellie

Pastor Greg and Family

By: The Church Family

Lisa Rhoades and Family

By: The Church Family

Rick Shull

By: The Church Family

Kerri & Mark Schneider, Daniel, Lindsay, Piper and Cale Johnson

By: Jerry & Phyllis Johnson

Our Children and Grandchildren

By: Russ & Maridel Witten

Emery and Benjamin Anuszkiewicz

By: Nick & Megan Anuszkiewicz

Our Mom, Georgann Holbrook

By: Amanda, Ben & Clayton Holbrook

Randy & Lisa Rhoades, Amy Huff, and Our Grandchildren, Jared, Madison, Kelsey & Carson

By: Pat & Brenda Cornwell

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By: Randy & Lisa Rhoades

Jerry & Phyllis Johnson

By: Randy & Lisa Rhoades

Bob & Jane Blake, Karen Turman

By: Rob, Teresa, Laura & Lee Blake

My Children and their spouses, my grandchildren and their spouses, and my great grandchildren

By: Karen Turman

My Children, Tamara, Gene & Phillip and my grandchildren, Hunter, Makenzie, Ethan, Miles and Roman.

By: Bonnie Herrold

What Does the Poinsettias Have to Do with Christmas?

Poinsettias didn't arrive in the United States until the 19th century. The plant is named for the first U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, who introduced America to the poinsettia in 1828, after discovering it in the wilderness in southern Mexico. Dr. Poinsett, who dabbled in botany when he wasn't politicking between nations, sent cuttings of the plant back to his South Carolina home. While it wasn't initially embraced, it caught on over the years, and by the 20th century it was a holiday mainstay. In fact, National Poinsettia Day is celebrated on Dec. 12, honoring both the plant and the man who brought it to America [source: University of Illinois].

So what does a poinsettia have to do with Christmas? One interpretation of the plant is as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem, the heavenly body that led the three magi, or wise men, to the place where Christ was born. A Mexican legend tells of a girl who could only offer weeds as a gift to Jesus on Christmas Eve. When she brought the weeds into a church, they blossomed into the beautiful red plants we know as poinsettias, known as Flores de Noche Buena in Mexico (Spanish for "flowers of the holy night").

Christmas Poinsettia FAQ

How Often Do You Have to Water a Poinsettia Plant?

You'll want to water your potted poinsettia when the soil becomes dry, roughly once a week. Make sure you take the foil off and let the water drain freely before putting it back in its spot.

Do Poinsettias Like Sun or Shade?

The University of Minnesota extension explains that indoor poinsettias should be placed in a south, east or west spot that receives direct sunlight. If you're planting your poinsettia outside, it'll be happy with part sun for four to six hours.

How Long Does a Poinsettia Last?

Your indoor poinsettia should last for a few weeks, but if you're feeling adventurous, you can plant it outside once you no longer have to worry about frost, and it will last much longer.

Are Christmas Poinsettias Poisonous to Cats?

According to the ASPCA, poinsettias generally are overrated in their toxicity to cats, dogs and horses, but they are irritating.

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