

FAREWELL RITUAL

Sisters, we are gathered together once again, this time to say farewell to (Mbr name), who is transferring from (chapter name) to _____.

You, (mbr name) will always be part of our chapter because, "She who looks on a true friend, looks upon a kind of image of herself: Wherefore friends, though absent, are still present."

As your circle of sisters and love's bonds grow in your heart and mind, this sisterhood will teach you the ways of love and the art of life.

Your presence in (chapter name) has been one of beauty, grace, and light. Your gift to our chapter will remain forever. Love, Truth, and Beauty are the symbols of our never-ending sisterhood.

These 8 candles before you will no longer be in darkness. If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it.

1. Do more than exist-----Live
2. Do more than look-----Absorb
3. Do more than listen-----Understand
4. Do more than touch-----Love
5. Do more than talk-----Communicate
6. Do more than think-----Act
7. Do more than read-----Learn
8. Do more than take-----Share

These burning flames symbolize the shining achievements you leave behind and will light the way to eternity. Speech cannot contain our love; you ARE, you will ALWAYS BE our sister.

Please accept this remembrance of (chapter name)

Okinawa Gamma

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Sisters in (Name of chapter):

We are taking this opportunity to extend heartfelt good wishes and good fortune to our sister(s): (name of advancing member or members) who have achieved the high honor of Exemplar degree in Beta Sigma Phi.

With grateful hearts we will ponder in our memories (her/their) unique and individual contributions to (name of chapter). Together with her/them we have lived and learned, and our ability for greater efforts in friendship has been enhanced through the experience.

Remember, sisters, that although we share a poignant sense of loss, we also may have a share in her/their new high level of achievement in this way; the void created by her/their progression can only be filled by her/their example. We, in (name of chapter), will have you, (name of advancing member) as a true Exemplar, to look to as an example, to light the way for those of us who follow you.

(name of member or members) as we wish you Godspeed on your new adventure, will you be to us, your sisters in (name of chapter) special examples of vision, of spirit and of purpose? If so, answer: 'I will'.

'May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from the other.'

by Maureen Donlon