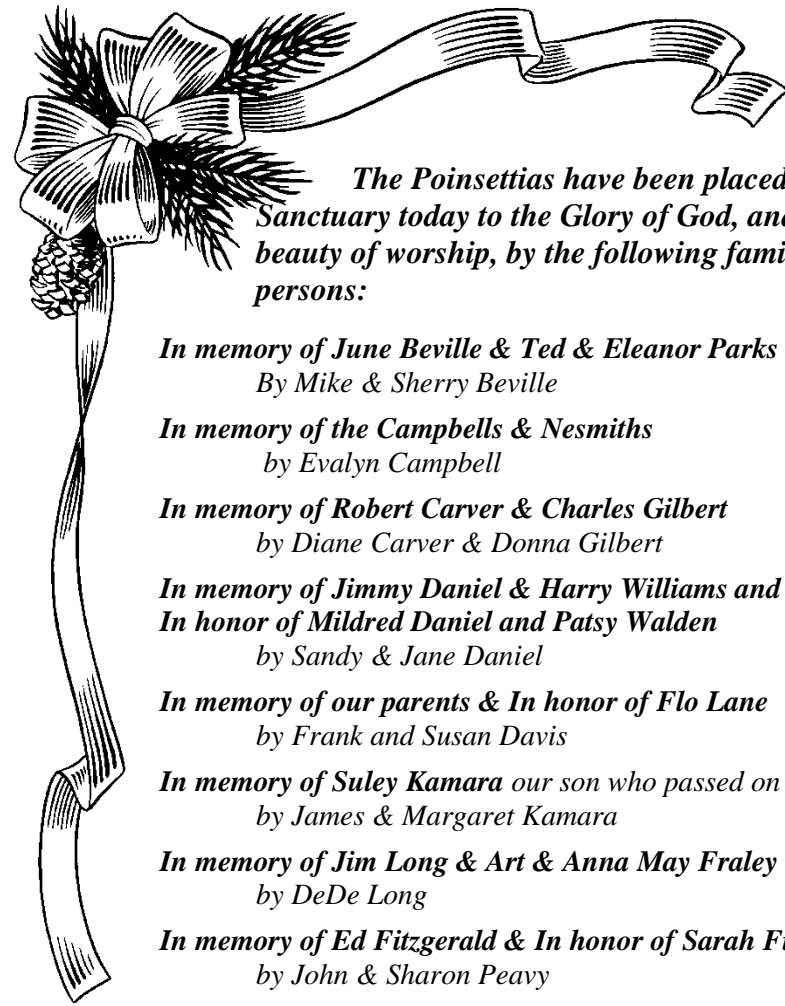


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by Diane Carver & Donna Gilbert (2)*
- In memory of Jimmy Daniel & Harry Williams and
In honor of Mildred Daniel and Patsy Walden
by Sandy & Jane Daniel (2)*
- In memory of our parents & In honor of Flo Lane
by Frank and Susan Davis (2)*
- In memory of Suley Kamara our son who passed on May 27, 2015
by James & Margaret Kamara (1)*
- In memory of Jim Long & Art & Anna May Fraley
by DeDe Long (1)*
- In memory of Ed Fitzgerald & In honor of Sarah Fitzgerald
by John & Sharon Peavy (2)*
- In memory of Alice Miller & Irene Laffe and
In honor of Robert & Carol Zaugg
by Evelyn Penney (2)*
- In honor of our children, grandchildren & great-grand children
by Cynthia & Richard Shank (1)*
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Symbolically the star shape of the flowers is also considered to be similar to the star that led the wise men to Jesus, which is why many people make it part of their Christmas decorations. Or in a slightly more gruesome interpretation, the red leaves could be a symbol of the blood of Christ.

A poinsettia can say a lot to someone during the holiday season or add much to your Christmas decor if you keep one in your own home. It definitely deserves its place as one of the best flowers for Christmas.

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