

# Biographical Record

## **Kathryn Elaine TUCKER (1959-2014)**

Represented the North American Guild on the Central Council  
from 2008 to 2010 and attended 3 meetings

Kathryn Elaine Tucker was born on July 13th 1959 at Whittier in California in the United States. She attended South Hills High School and later obtained a degree in art history. She and her family travelled extensively in Europe, South Pacific, Mexico and all over the United States. Kathryn worked at Disneyland from 1978 - 1983, a job into which she threw herself and which she greatly enjoyed. She went back to college to earn a teaching qualification and then taught the first grade for several years.

Kathryn married Tom Tinsley in 1991 and they moved to the Atlanta area to start their life together. Their daughter Claire was born in 1992. While Claire was at school Kathryn spent much time volunteering to help in any way she could at various school events. She learned to ring at St. James church Marietta in Georgia in August 1996, being taught by John Mulvey and Derek Wilsden. She made good progress and rang her first quarter peal, Plain Bob Doubles, on September 9th 1997; this was at Marietta. Her first quarter peal as conductor, also Plain Bob Doubles, was at Charleston in South Carolina on 22nd February 1998.

Kathryn's first peal was rung on 22nd September 1998 when she rang the treble to a peal of 23 Spliced Surprise Major. She rang it at St. Martin in the Fields, Philadelphia. On July 25th 1999 she rang in the first ever all local band peal, Plain Bob Triples, at Marietta. She rang a total of 31 peals, all on tower bells. Her last peal was Cambridge Surprise Major at Frederick on May 26th 2014.

She took her responsibilities as a ringer very seriously and during her time in Marietta served as tower captain, ringing master and secretary. She was equally happy standing behind a learner or ringing a method which she found challenging. She organised ringing workshops at Marietta and in 2007 she organised the Annual General Meeting of the North American Guild. While on the Central Council she served on the Biographies Committee. Kathryn enjoyed ringing at different churches and had rung at all the churches in the United States, plus several in Canada and England.

In 2012 she moved with her family to Alexandria in Virginia and her ringing career continued with the Washington Cathedral Guild of ringers.

The obituary for her which was published in the North American Guild magazine 'The Clapper' underlined what a happy and cheerful person she was and how devoted she was to her family. She was a vivacious person and her presence in the North American ringing fraternity is sadly missed.

She died in tragic circumstances on August 24th 2014, leaving her husband Tom and daughter, Claire. A memorial service for her was held at Marietta on 11 October.

