

**IN MEMORIAM  
SISTER JOAN B HICKS**



Worthy Grand Matron  
1991-1992

**ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST  
OCTOBER 20, 2006**

Sister Joan, in her 69th year, formerly of Hawkshaw, and most recently of Riverview, passed away at the Moncton Hospital after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in 1937 in Otis, New Brunswick, the daughter of the late Alfred and Beulah (Dore) Fox. She was a former employee of Ryan's Pharmacy in Nackawic. After moving to Riverview, she became a member of St. Paul's United Church. Sister Joan and her husband, Brother George Hicks, were active volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program.

Sister Joan joined the Order of the Eastern Star in March of 1958 becoming a member of Victoria Chapter #1, Woodstock. After her marriage to Brother George Hicks, Sister Joan moved to Riverview, where she affiliated with Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview, in March of 1993. She served as Worthy Matron for both Victoria Chapter #1, Woodstock and Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview. Sister Joan served as Grand Representative of Wyoming in New Brunswick. Sister Joan was Grand Adah during 1985-1986. She became Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick in 1991, serving in the East with Brother George Theal. Their year culminated with the "Bluebird of Happiness" Sessions held in July of 1992 in Woodstock, NB. Sister Joan continued her active participation in the Order of the Eastern Star when she served as General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Heart during the 1994-1997 Triennium. She was also a member of the Daughters of the Nile.

The Order of the Eastern Star was an important part of Sister Joan's life, and her home was always open to weary travelers and to her Eastern Star friends who stopped by for a visit. But most important to Sister Joan was her family.

Sister Joan will be sadly missed by her children: Sister Avis Dupere (Mario) of Fredericton; Wanda McFarlane (Rick) of Nackawic; Caroline Barton (Mae)

of Dumfries; Malcolm MacDonald (Wanda) of Lower Hainesville; Aldon MacDonald (Nicole) of Fredericton; step-children, Cindy Hicks of Moncton; David Hicks (Cynthia) of Riverview, and Bruce Hicks (Lynda) of Riverview. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; sisters, Audrey McGuire (Donald) of Fredericton; Edith Walker of Meductic; Kay McGuire of Nackawic; Joyce Hues (Jessie) of Arlington, Massachusetts; a brother, Merlin Fox (Eunice) of Nackawic, and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Sister Joan was predeceased by her first husband, Leo MacDonald in 1980; by her second husband, Brother George Hicks in 2004; her step-son, George; sisters Muriel and Enid, and brother Medley.

An Eastern Star Memorial Service was conducted by the members of Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview at Ferguson Knowles Funeral Home on October 24th, 2006. The Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, October 25th at 11:00am, from St. Paul's United Church in Riverview with Rev. Steve Berube officiating. A reception followed in the Church Hall. Later that day a second service was conducted at the Wesleyan Church in Nackawic at 4:30pm, with the Rev. Ralph Irving officiating. Interment will be in the Otis Cemetery in Nackawic, NB.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sister Joan, and to the members of Victoria Chapter #1, Woodstock, and Fidelity Chapter #36, Riverview.

*"Somewhere back of the sunset,  
Where loveliness never dies,  
She will live in a land of glory  
Mid the blue and gold of the skies.  
And we, who have known and loved her  
Whose passing has brought sad tears,  
Will cherish her memory always  
To brighten the passing years. "*

**Sister Donna McEwen**

Worthy Grand Matron

Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM

Grand Secretary

**Brother Graham Vincent**

Worthy Grand Patron