

RUPERT RALPH C. SYPHER

Past Grand Patron
1993-1994



The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was saddened when another link, Brother Rupert C. Sypher, passed away at his residence in Miramichi, NB on July 14, 2011. At the time of his passing, Brother Rupert was in his 77th year. Born in Newcastle Creek, NB, Brother Rupert spent his working years with NB Power. Brother Rupert was a member of St. Andrews Anglican Church, Newcastle.

Rupert was an active member of Lady Alexander Ch. #24 and served the province of New Brunswick when he became Worthy Grand Patron of New Brunswick in 1993. His Worthy Grand Matron was Sister Hazel Harris. Their year of service culminated in July 1994 with their Grand Chapter Session held in Bathurst. Brother Rupert also served the General Grand Chapter when he was a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Public Relations during the Triennium of 2000-2003.

Rupert was a member of the Grand Lake Masonic Lodge #47 F& AM; He was also a member of the Luxor Shriners (Saint John), Luxor Mini Kar Unit and the North Shore Shrine Club.

In 2005 Rupert was recognized for his contributions to the town of Dalhousie during Centennial Celebrations. An avid outdoorsman, Rupert loved sports, fishing and hunting. He so enjoyed his many hours fishing on the Miramichi & Restigouche rivers with his family and "fishing buddies". Every year he looked forward to his annual hunting trip in Salmon River.

Family was always first for Rupert and he will be sadly missed by his 5 special grandsons. Besides his wife: Audrey, Rupert is survived by: two daughters: Heather Chamberlain (Donald) of Quispamsis, NB; Jennifer Sypher of Fredericton, NB; one son: Dean of England; one sister: Zola Parks (Arnold) of Saint John, NB; five grandchildren: Ben, Matt, Sam Chamberlain and Alex and Sam Sypher; two nieces: Victoria & Sonya Jane. An Eastern Star service and Masonic service was held on July 18, 2011. The funeral service was held from St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Newcastle on Tues., July 19, 2011 with The Ven. Richard Steeves officiating. Sincere sympathy is extended to Sister Audrey and the family of Brother Rupert, and to the members of Lady Alexander Chapter # 24 in Campbellton as well as to Brother Rupert's many friends in the Eastern Star world.

*"There is a long and winding road, along which each must go,
It leads beyond the hill of time, into the sunset's glow,
But only for a little while our loved ones leave our sight,
For just beyond the hills they wait, in God's eternal light.
Beyond the gate our loved one finds happiness and rest
And there is comfort in the thought,
that a loving God knows best."*

Mildred Homer, WGM

Allan Gillis, WGP

Doug Swan,

PGP, Gr. Secretary